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Commodities

Commodities will be distributed to income-eligible residents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Casey County Recycling Center. Recipients are asked to bring their own containers.

Meetings

Liberty City Council will meet today, Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Casey County Fiscal Court will meet Monday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. upstairs in the old Courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.

The Casey County Board of Health will meet Friday, Feb. 13 at noon at The Village Restaurant. The meeting is open to the public.

LOCAL WEATHER

Wed
2/11

51/27

Partly cloudy skies. High 51F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Thu
2/12

27/15

Cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the mid teens.

Fri
2/13

36/24

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid 20s.

Sat
2/14

27/7

Mostly cloudy and windy.

Sun
2/15

24/14

A few clouds. Highs in the mid 20s and lows in the teens.

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Trial likely to be moved to Pulaski Co.



photo/LARRY ROWELL

Rigdon faces murder charge in 2012 shooting death of William 'Gleason' Pyles

By Larry Rowell
Editor

After being in jail for more than two years, William "Bobby" Rigdon is finally going to have his day in court in front of a jury.

Rigdon faces charges of murder, being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and second-degree persistent felony offender in the September 2012 shooting death of William "Gleason" Pyles at

Tarter Pallet Mill in Dun-

nville. David Salyers, who was convicted of complicity to commit murder in the same case in January of last year, is currently serving a 20 year and six month sentence at the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange.

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William "Bobby" Rigdon was escorted into Casey Circuit Court Monday afternoon for a pretrial conference. Charged with murder in the September 2012 shooting death of William "Gleason" Pyles in Dunnville, Rigdon's trial is set to begin on March 16, likely in Pulaski County.

Casey County Board of Education

School calendar draft proposed

By Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer

The proposed school calendar for 2015-16 shows little to no change from the 2014-15 school calendar, which is largely due to its success.

Superintendent Marion Sowders spoke to board members during Monday's night's meeting about the similarities between the 2014-15 school calendar and the proposed calendar for 2015-16.

"What you have is pretty much identical to this year's school calendar," Sowders said. "We got lots of positive feedback from staff and parents on this year's calendar. We've sent it out to our administrators and curriculum folks and let them look again at what we have this year."

The board will approve and adopt the school calendar during the next monthly meeting in March.

"As of right now, we'll be proposing something very similar to what we've had last year," Sowders said.

In the proposed school calendar for 2015-16, classes for students begin on Aug. 7.

Fall break is scheduled for the week of Oct. 5-9, Thanksgiving break from Nov. 25-27, Christmas break from Dec. 21-Jan. 1, with students returning to classes on Jan. 4. Spring break is tentatively set for April 4-8.

Keeping in line with tradition, students will be out of class on the Friday of Apple Festival, Sept. 26.

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Building compassion



photo/LARRY ROWELL

Amish workers put the metal siding on a new home on Thursday that was rebuilt on the site where a house was destroyed by fire the previous Monday. John and Mary Shrock, and their five children, moved into the completed home on Saturday.

Amish family has new house in less than a week

By Larry Rowell
Editor

The sound of hammers driving nails into metal siding on a house on South Ky. 501 pierced the tranquil countryside on Thursday afternoon as about 30 Amish workers worked feverishly to rebuild a house that was destroyed by fire just three days prior.

It's suspected that the home, belonging to John and Mary Shrock and their five children, caught fire when a stack of wood near a kettle used to heat

“With them coming in and helping, it shows me how many good people there are still left in the world.”
— John Shrock

water ignited and spread, completely destroying the structure.

However, as members of the Amish community are want to do, the rebuilding started before the smoking embers grew cold.

"By Monday evening

a lot of stuff was out and by Tuesday after lunch we started laying block up and had all the foundation block laid by Tuesday evening," said John Schrock.

Thursday afternoon, the house was under roof and workers began putting red

roofing metal as siding on the house.

Without insurance, some, but not all, of the burden of purchasing building materials fell to Shrock.

"We had to buy the materials but the church will help for the most part of that," he said, referring to the Amish church his family attends.

Other members of the community and churches have donated funds toward the building materials.

"Quite a few non-Amish

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State Legislature

Lawmakers resume taking up bills in Frankfort

By Larry Rowell
Editor

After a three week hiatus, state lawmakers resumed work last week and took up a number of bills. Last week, the General Assembly introduced more than 100 bills in a single day.

According to the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort, that brings the

total of bills introduced to 480 for this short 30-day session.

"There'll be close to 1,000 bills filed and about 50 passed," said Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon.

Both Higdon and Mike Harmon, R-Danville, who represent Casey County in the legislature, weighed in on certain bills currently before them.

Raising the minimum wage

The House Labor and Industry Committee passed HB 2, which would raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour over the next three years. If passed, the measure would raise the state

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County Health Rankings

Casey's health outcome ranks 78th of 120 counties

Obesity, alcohol/drugs, tobacco named area's most important health problems

By Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer

How healthy is your county? That is the question the Lake Cumberland District Health Department answers each year in the form of a Community Health Assessment.

Using data from sources such as County Health Rankings, Kentucky Health Facts, Kentucky Vital Statistics, Lake Cumberland District Health Department Report Card and four local assessments, LCDHD has compiled a Community

Health Assessment. The four assessments; Public Health Performance Standards, Community Themes and Strengths, Community Health Status and Forces of Change were conducted locally by the health department with the help of Community Health Empowerment Coalition (CHEC) and Casey Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP).

The finished product provides not only local statistics on health, but also reflects the voice of the community on needs and priorities.

Lake Cumberland District 2014 Health Characteristics

	Casey	Adair	Taylor	Russell
Adult Obesity	35%	34%	32%	32%
Physical inactivity	38%	35%	28%	38%
Excessive Drinking	14%	N/A	12%	8%
Adult Smoking	30%	34%	23%	31%
Overall Outcome	78	48	42	38

County Health Ranking measures the health outcome of a county in two ways — how long people live and how healthy people are while they are alive. Based on this year's data, County Health Rankings has placed Casey County's health outcome at 78 out of Kentucky's

120 counties and the 2014 assessment highlights little to no improvement of the county's health issues.

Shawn Crabtree, Director of the Lake Cumberland District Health Department in Somerset, said it's not just the Lake Cumberland district, but Kentucky as a whole that

ranks low on national average health standards.

"Basically, on just about every health indicator we (LCDHD) rank very poorly," Crabtree said. "You'll only see a little improvement here and there."

Crabtree emphasized three main areas of concern for Casey County, according to assessment results.

Obesity, alcohol/drugs, and tobacco

"It is true that we have a very high use of tobacco in our area," Crabtree said. "We also tend to have a higher than national average of overweight and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residents should be proud of Casey Hospital

On Jan. 16, 2015 while in Liberty, I was admitted to the Casey County Hospital with double pneumonia and flu. I must say this is a professional hospital and something the residents of the county should be proud of. I had caring nurses in the emergency room and the doctor was great. I was treated with great respect and the best care that I think could have been given.

It did not stop there. When I was admitted, I

had great professional care from the nurses and staff in the area of the hospital who picked up when the emergency room nurses had completed their work. The food was good, the hospital clean, and the care was excellent. I will not mention names for fear I would leave someone out. All of you are the best. Also, thank you Dr. Haddad, you are great.

Paul M. Reed
Greenwood, Ind.

Questions regarding county coroner's office

As to the coroner's expensive tastes, why couldn't he have purchased the office supplies in Liberty for a lot less than \$878? Wouldn't the golden \$80 badge identify him as coroner without having to buy six expensive \$35 shirts?

I don't recall Quincy in the big city having anything but his badge for identification. Shouldn't the coroner be a part of the sheriff's department and not connected to any funeral home?

M.T. Thompson
Liberty

Harmon clarifies position on KTRS

I wanted to take a moment to discuss some concerns I have received from our teachers as well as some rumors I have heard regarding my criticism of our current auditor and his endorsement of Speaker Stumbo's \$3.3 billion bonding bill which is designed to hopefully provide some stability to the retirement system of Kentucky teachers, KTRS. First let me say that it is imperative that Kentucky preserve the retirement system for teachers as many may not know that most Kentucky teachers cannot only not draw Social Security, but also cannot draw the Social Security of a deceased spouse.

We cannot and should not break the promises made to these individuals. The only question then becomes, how we honor these priorities.

To that end, KTRS presented not one, but two possible bonding scenarios to try and shore up a retirement system that is a little under 50 percent funded and showing now about \$14 billion unfunded liability which is due to jump substantially as we move to a different accounting method.

One proposal had the state borrowing about \$1.9 billion and one about \$3.3 billion which the Speaker has decided to file.

Neither fully restored the fund, but each had their advantages and disadvantages.

In my interviews I always tried to make clear, but apparently my comments never made into the paper that I was not 100 percent against either of these proposals, but did want to review the information further before making my final decision.

During the presentation by KTRS to the Interim Joint Committee on State Government, we were informed that one of the major problems with the retirement fund currently was 13 years of flat investments.

So, I posed the question that should the state bor-



row this money, place in the system and we experience another prolonged time frame of flat investments, how might that impact the retirement system. The only answer I received was, "We don't foresee that."

The strategy has been described as refinancing an already existing debt, but that is not an exact comparison.

It might be more closely compared to someone who was working almost 40 hours a week, but had their hours cut back to under 29 hours after Obamacare changed the definition of full-time.

They could decide to get a different job to increase revenue, work another job to increase revenue, or they could borrow on their paid-for home at 3 to 4 percent and reinvest at market rates of 10 to 14 percent to make a profit on the spread.

The only problem is if you fail to add risk into your equation, you take the chance of not only not making a profit, but also losing your home.

Although I appreciate the time and effort KTRS has spent crafting this plan, I think it imperative that we have some stop gaps in place to protect the teachers and their future income in the event "the unforeseen" is realized. At a minimum, we should fully audit the retirement system including how the money is invested, who is doing the investing, what fees are being paid, and if the fees are justified.

If we do not take the necessary precautions regarding this situation, we will have failed not only the taxpayers, but also the very people who trust us to make sure we keep our word as a state, the teachers.

Say thanks to people who make our lives easier



mates can't help out by working on the back of the truck. But that's for Taylor County to work out.

In Liberty behind McDonald's Monday morning, I watched as two garbage truck workers mounted a mountain of cardboard boxes and began throwing them in the back of the truck. Yes, it's a job in a much needed profession, but thankless nonetheless.

The point I'm trying to make is how often do we overlook the people who serve us, who do the tasks we have no desire to do, like dispose of garbage or

stand behind a counter for eight hours a day.

It has become apparent to me that I need to say "thank you" to any and all with whom I come in contact each day.

Those two words with a smile — thank you — could lift someone's spirits and make their day.

Many of these folks are trying to get by on minimum wage and the least any of us can do is to be nice and courteous. It doesn't cost anything to be nice.

Speaking of minimum wage, the only thing I agreed with President Obama on in his State of the Union speech was when he admonished members of Congress who didn't support an increase in minimum wage to try and live on it themselves.

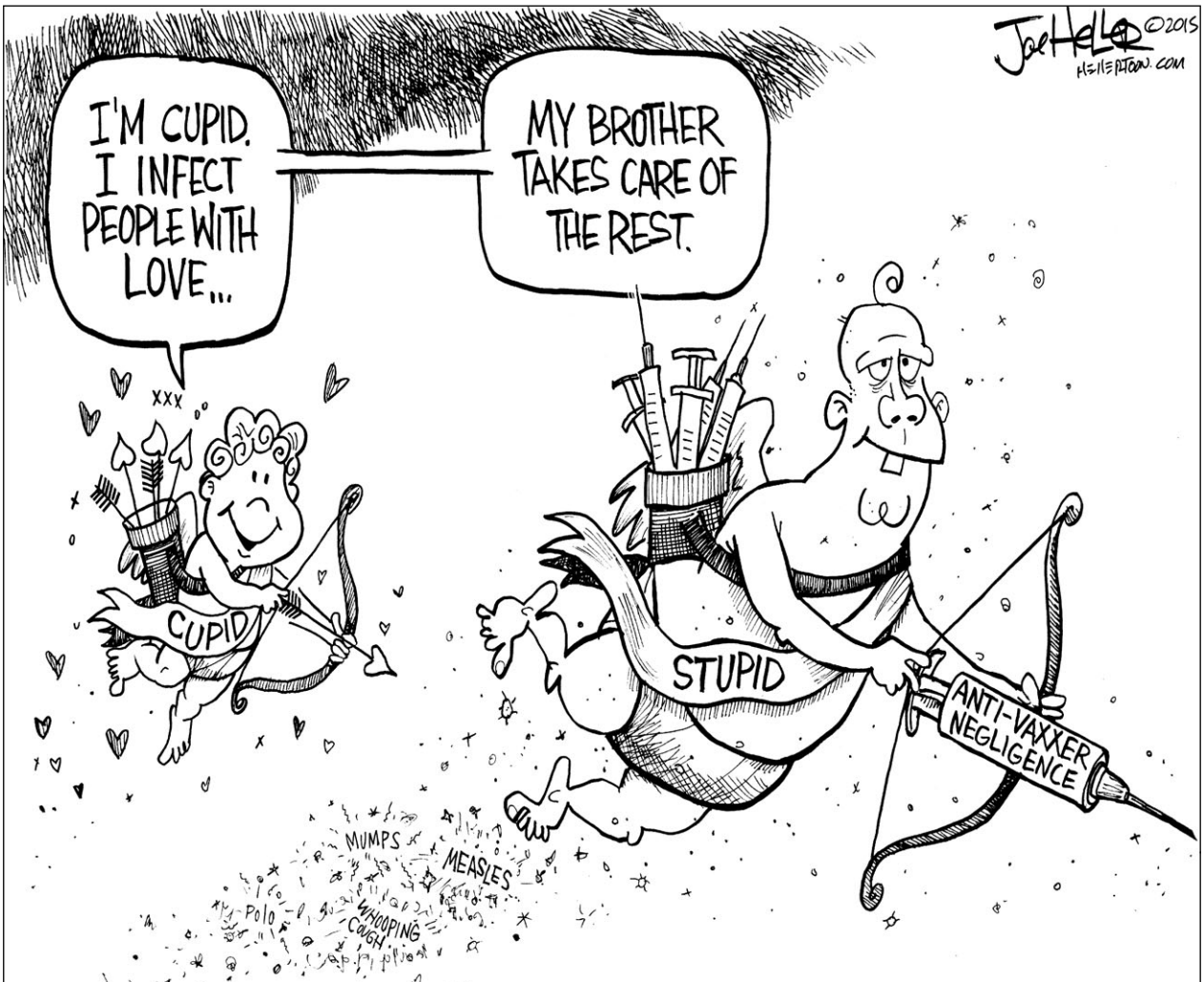
In addition to expressing thanks, I could leave a little something for the garbage truck driver from time to time, just to show my appreciation for his hard work.

Working with the public each day as I do, I know how much criticism, even well deserved criticism stings and hurts.

But man oh man, when someone says "thanks" for any reason, or expressed thanks or enjoyment for something we did at the paper, that really makes my day.

So the moral of the story — let's all try to be kinder and gentler people who appreciate what others do for us on a daily basis.

Say "thanks" with a smile, and add "I appreciate it." They will appreciate it as well.



'It's rope, not dope'



would want is an unknown strain mixing with their plants.

Another cliché argument being made is that the untrained eye cannot tell the difference between hemp and marijuana plants, (despite one being short and bushy and the other being tall and thin).

But here's a simple solution — train your eyes.

Can officers not be trained to know the difference in appearance between hemp and marijuana? Sure, to the untrained eye it may be difficult — but we are living, breathing humans and

we're capable of learning new things every single day.

And lastly, you cannot get high on hemp. Hemp seed is not psychoactive and cannot be used as a drug.

The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not allow industrial hemp production. All around us, hemp is being produced and because it's not being produced here, we're buying it from somewhere else.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture's website features a page titled Industrial Hemp Facts and states "Canada had 38,828 licensed acres of industrial hemp in 2011. Canadian exports of hemp seed and hemp products were estimated at more than \$10 million, with most going to

the U.S."

James Comer, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner, has said before that hemp is an enemy to marijuana and law enforcement should be in favor of hemp for that very reason (Central Kentucky News, 2013).

The long believed and unfounded fear of hemp has stifled Kentucky farmers for long enough.

In my 24, almost 25 years of living in Kentucky I have learned one very important thing — when you give Kentucky farmers land and the freedom and resources to work it, they will never fail to amaze you with their determined innovation and refusal to be anything other than the very best in every aspect of their work.

It's rope, not dope. So give Kentucky farmers the freedom to grow it.

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Anthem customers' personal info hacked

By **Larry Rowell**
Editor

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield customers learned on Thursday that the health insurance company was the target of a "very sophisticated external cyber attack," according to a press release.

"These attackers gained unauthorized access to Anthem's IT system and have obtained personal information from our current and former members such as their names, birthdays, medical IDs/social security numbers, street addresses, email addresses and employment information, including income data," the release states.

However, officials with

Anthem stated that no credit card or medical information such as test results, claims, or diagnostic codes were compromised.

The health insurance company said that once the breach was discovered, every effort was made to close the hole, including contacting the FBI and co-operating with the investigation.

Anthem didn't release the number of customers affected by the security intrusion.

In addition to notifying customers through media outlets, Anthem said that it's providing credit monitoring and identity protection services free of charge.

One point that the com-

pany stressed was in the way affected former and current members will be notified — by postal mail, and within about two weeks.

Locally, Tonya Meece, President of Monticello Banking Company, said that they are notifying their customers about Anthem's security breach.

"Although no Monticello Banking Company customer account information was included in this breach, we recommend any affected customers of Anthem to contact one of the three major credit bureaus listed below and report they have been a victim of identity theft. You need only contact one of the three credit bureaus as

the one you choose will report the information to the other two," she said.

■ Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

■ Experian: 1-888-397-3742

■ TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

Patty Bottom, Human Resources Director with LCNI, the parent company of *The Casey County News*, said that bogus emails are popping up in Anthem customers email accounts.

"Unfortunately, at a time when we are all looking for information from Anthem regarding the breach, devious hackers have started sending out phishing emails purporting to be Anthem and branded with

the Anthem logo. These emails ask recipients to provide personal information (social security number, banking information) under the guise of monitoring for identity theft. These emails are not from Anthem. Anthem will never ask you to provide them with this information," she said.

Anthem also set up AnthemFacts.com, where members can access information such as frequent questions and answers.

In addition, customers can call 1-877-263-7995, a dedicated toll-free number if they have questions about this incident.

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway's office also has taken the lead in

warning Anthem customers about steps they can take if they fear their personal information has been compromised.

"Becoming a victim of a data breach can be a frustrating and stressful experience," Conway said. "If you have been impacted by this recent cyberattack on Anthem, I encourage you to take advantage of the free credit monitoring and identity protection services being offered by the company. Additionally, consumers can always find a step-by-step toolkit designed to assist identity theft victims on my website, ag.ky.gov. The faster you detect identity theft, the sooner you can report and correct it."

Compassion

■ Continued from front

members, along with some Mennonites and just regular what we call 'English people' have donated food, blankets and some dishes," he said.

Until they moved in the new house on Saturday, the Shrocks had been staying

with family members not far up the road.

The house was rebuilt the same as the old one but with two exceptions — two layers of blocks were added to the foundation and the water kettle has been moved to the outside in hopes of preventing a similar disaster in the future.

Relatively new in the community, the family moved to Casey County from Missouri about 18 months ago so Schrock could establish a furniture making business.

That pursuit is currently on hold as Schrock's entire collection of tools were destroyed.

"I lost all my tools and had just begun working on my first big order of furniture in the shop. It will take a while to get my tools back. It probably won't be this year," he said, noting that anyone wanting to donate is asked to contribute funds to help replace his tools.

Still, in the aftermath of losing his home and belongings, except for a German Bible, Shrock said that he's grateful for a number of reasons.

"I'm very thankful we got all the kids out and nobody was hurt. All this other stuff that was lost you can replace that," he said.

Additionally, Shrock said that his family has been touched by the generosity of the community.

"With them coming in and helping, it shows me how many good people there are still left in the world."

Lawmakers

■ Continued from front

minimum wage incrementally to \$8.20 on July 1, 2015, \$9.15 on July 1, 2016, and \$10.10 on July 1, 2017. The bill states that retail and service industries with gross annual sales of less than \$500,000 would be exempt.

Harmon said that Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, had introduced an amendment to the bill which would raise the minimum wage to \$8 an hour on July 1, 2016 and then basically tie it to the cost of living concerning future increases. Hig-

don said that he voted for raising the minimum wage in 2007 when he was a state representative because it became tied to the federal minimum wage.

Informed consent

A bill that would require a medical doctor to perform an ultrasound prior to a woman giving informed consent to having an abortion has passed the Senate and will move on to the House. Both Higdon and Harmon, proponents of pro-life, said the bill may have a chance of passing if it clears committee hurdles

in the House.

State-wide smoking ban

A bill legislating a state-wide smoking ban in all workplaces and other public places has cleared the House Health and Welfare Committee. HB 145 is expected to get a vote in the full House sometime this week.

Higdon said that he supports local municipalities in their right to legislate the issue of smoking in public places. Harmon doesn't believe the bill has much of a chance in the Senate.

Prevailing wage

The Senate passed a measure on Thursday that would exempt public schools from a law requiring them to pay construction workers a specified minimum.

Higdon said that he doesn't "see this bill going anywhere in the House." Harmon agreed.

Dog fighting

House Bill 154 would make Kentucky the last state in the country to outlaw the possession, training, breeding, and selling

of dogs for the purpose of dog fighting.

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 4. The bill, which now goes to the House floor for consideration, would add provisions to current law that make those who allow or organize the use of four-legged animals in fights for pleasure or profit guilty of felony cruelty to animals in the first degree.

Those convicted of the crime face between one and five years in prison, stated the LRC Web site.

"They've filed those

types of bills every year for the last 4-5 years in the House. None of those ever seem to get over to the Senate," Higdon said.

Two amendments have been filed which specify that cruelty to animals in the first degree only applies to canine or porcine animals, rather than all four-legged animals.

The second would delete "four-legged" and make all animal fighting activities a Class D felony.

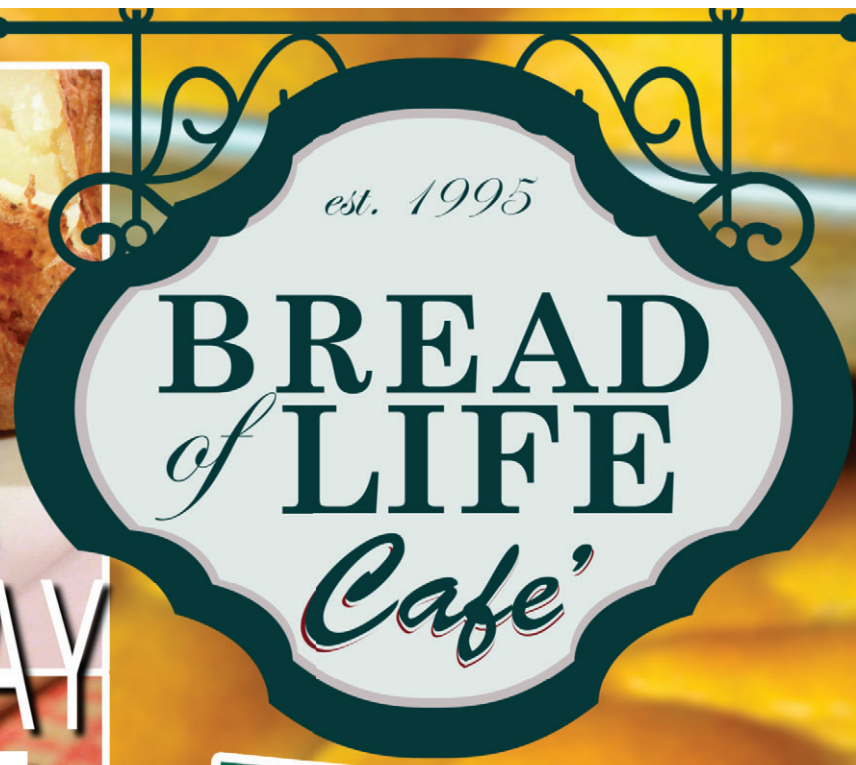
Vending and spectating at animal fights would remain a Class A misdemeanor.



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Kaiser J. Breitlander, 2

Kaiser James Breitlander passed away at his home in Playa Potrero, Costa Rica on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015. He was 2 ½ years old.

Born on May 15, 2012 in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of Sarah Sallee Breitlander and Peter Breitlander.

Survivors include his sister, Elsa Rene' Breitlander, age 1; grandparents Wanda and John Phillippe of Waynesburg; grandparents Mike and Ruthie Sallee (along with Chris and Cass Morgan) of Liberty; grandparents Barb Tobin and Volker Breitlander of Chicago, Ill.; aunts Callie Sue Phillippe of Waynesburg and Carrie Breitlander of Chicago, Ill.; an uncle, Kurt Breitlander of Chicago, Ill.; three first cousins, Konnor, Kristian, and Bryn Breitlander; and several great aunts, great uncles, second and third cousins, and other relatives who held him dear.

Memorial services were held in Costa Rica and Chicago.



BREITLANDER

Kaiser was a light to so many, and his precious life was taken way too soon. In honor of his memory and the many lives he touched, Sarah and Pete Breitlander have set up a scholarship in Kaiser's name for a special little boy named Dustin, who is very close to Kaiser and his family. This scholarship will give Dustin the gift of a quality bilingual education and forever change his and his family's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the scholarship fund of Dustin Narvaez Cano at La Paz School. www.gofund.me/kdcms4 — Kaiser Breitlander Memorial Fund.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14.

Louise Rodgers Fox, 87

Louise Rodgers Fox of West Chester, Ohio died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015. She was 87.

Born June 11, 1927 in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Rosalie Rodgers.

She was the widow of

Mont Fox.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Fox; and two sisters.

A funeral service was held Jan. 21 at Shorten Ryan Funeral Home in Mason, Ohio. Interment was at Oak Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nina G. Vanoy, 67

Nina Gail Vanoy of Liberty died Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. She was 67.

Born in Liberty on Oct. 24, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Ortha Cain Clements.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Vanoy; two

daughters, Sondra Gail Carman of Danville and Monica Faye Vanoy of Liberty; three grandchildren; two brothers; and four sisters.

Services were Feb. 8 at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brent Huggins officiating. Burial was at Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Bobby D. Wilkinson, 54

Bobby Dale Wilkinson of Owensboro died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was 54.

Born in Fukuoka, Japan on July 8, 1960, he was the son of the late Franklin D. and Phyllis Harris Wilkinson.

Survivors include a brother, Johnny Edward Wilkinson of

Kissimmee, Fla.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at First Christian Church. Burial will be at Brush Creek Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel and after 10 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church.

Carrie Shirk, 6 weeks

Carrie Shirk died Monday, Feb. 9, 2015 at her home in Casey County. She was 6 weeks old.

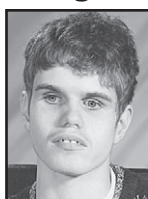
Arrangements are pending at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home in Liberty.

Rodney G. Wethington, 33

Rodney Glen Wethington, age 33, passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at his home in Dixon, Mo.

Born in July 24, 1981 in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., he was the son of Patricia Rodgers Wethington and the late Ronald E. Wethington.

Survivors include his mother, Patricia Rodgers Wethington of Dixon, Mo.; two brothers, William Wethington and Shawn (and Lucretia) Wethington both of Dixon, Mo.; a sister, Rhonda Wethington of Dixon, Mo.; two nieces, Bella and Addilyn; six nephews, Hayden, Noah,



WETHINGTON

Tanner, Dylan James, Gavin and Cody; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were Feb.

7 at St. Bernard Catholic Church with Father Edmond Ani officiating. Burial was in St. Bernard Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available online at www.mckinneybrown.com.

George W. Reed, 82

George Woodson Reed of Liberty died Monday, Feb. 9, 2015 at the Westlake Regional Hospital in Columbia. He was 82.

Born June 30, 1932 in Casey County, he was a son of the late Lewis Alan Reed and Chelcie Cochran Reed.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Brown Reed; two sons, Alan W. Reed of Columbia and Mark M. Reed of Versailles; a daughter, Susan Atwood of Liberty; two brothers; a sister; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Atwood and Bro. Jimmy Brown officiating.

Burial will follow in the

Helen Russell, 87

Helen Louise Taylor Russell of West Palm Beach, Fla. died Monday, Feb. 2, 2015. She was 87.

Born on May 25, 1927 in Oneida, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Mary Lloyd Taylor.

She was the widow of Stanley B. Russell.

Survivors include three children, Michael Wayne Russell, Brenda Gentry, and Pamela Kay Schmidt; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services were Feb. 7 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Brent Kercherville officiating.

Helen was laid to rest in Glenwood Cemetery.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HAPPENINGS

■ A cancer benefit for Mark Wilson will be held Friday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. at Evona Fire Department. There will be a pot luck meal (bring dish), singing, and a love offering will be taken.

■ Casey County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. in the lobby of the hospital.

■ Healthy Cooking Class will meet Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Casey County Public Library. For information call Brenda, 606-787-5323.

■ The Gardener's Group will meet Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Casey County Extension Office education building. Jay Hettmansperger will share his secrets of growing great tomatoes and the best ways to start seeds for your garden. Call 606-787-7384 by Feb. 23 if you plan on attending.

■ Casey County Friends of the Library book store will be open each Tuesday from 12-4 p.m. through January and February.

■ Casey County Cattleman's Association will not meet in February due to attending the Farm Machinery Show. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Casey County Extension Office. RSVP by 4:30 p.m. on March 11 to 606-787-7384.

■ AARP Tax Aide will offer free income tax service for Casey County residents of all ages at the Casey County Senior Citizens Center on Mondays from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 2-April 6.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Narcotics Anonymous will meet Monday, Feb. 16

at 8 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church (Lake Liberty). For information call 606-706-5627 or 859-576-4380.

■ A.A. will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library on Sunday, Feb. 15. For information call 606-787-5866.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library on Friday, Feb. 13. For information call 606-787-5866.

■ The Casey County A.A. meeting will be at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall on Tuesday, Feb. 16. For information call 606-787-7205 or 787-5866.

■ The Casey County Al-Anon meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church on Tuesday, Feb. 16. For information call 606-303-4582 or 706-0071.

■ TOPS KY 404 will

meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12. For information call Donna Mills, 606-787-6431.

■ Narcotics Anonymous will meet Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at Dunnville First Baptist Church, located at 13702 S. U.S. 127. For more information, call 606-706-9121 or 787-5866.

■ Multiple Sclerosis/Parkinson's Disease/Lou Gehrig's support group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

CHURCH

■ Apostolic Lighthouse will have a special speaker from Burkesville on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

■ Casey County Baptist Association free clothing closet is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weather permitting.

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NEWS FROM AROUND Kentucky

Taylor County doctor charged with assault

Central Kentucky News Journal

A local doctor was arrested late last month on domestic violence charges, according to court records.

Dr. Steve VanMeter, 54, of the 600 block of Franklin Road in Campbellsville, was arrested by the Taylor County Sheriff's Office at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, at a residence in the 900 block of Franklin Road on a charge of fourth-degree assault, domestic violence with minor injury.

When a law enforcement officer arrived, he spoke to VanMeter, who told him that he pulled a phone cord out of the wall, while the victim told the officer that the phone hit her, causing a cut on her face, a TCSO report stated. VanMeter is a Campbellsville obstetrician and gynecologist.

Court records indicate that he posted \$1,000 bail on Jan. 31.

Marion County residents arrested for drugs, sodomy and incest

Lebanon Enterprise

Angela R. Williams, 37, and Steven Dale Cox Williams, 41, of Marion County, were arrested Feb. 4 in Taylor County on a number of charges, including trafficking in heroin, sodomy and incest.

According to a media release, officers from the Campbellsville Police Department, Kentucky State Police and Taylor County Sheriff's Department responded to a house on Friendship Road in Taylor County where they arrested Angela R. Williams and Steven Dale Cox Williams.

Steven Williams was arrested on Marion Circuit Court indictments for first-degree trafficking in controlled substances, including heroin, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of first-degree sodomy, two counts of incest, three counts of first-degree persistent felony offender and second-degree persistent felony offender.

Angela R. Williams was arrested on Marion Circuit Court indictments for trafficking in controlled substances, including heroin, and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

The drug charges are a result of a two-year investigation into heroin trafficking in Marion and Taylor counties that includes multiple individuals from both counties.

More charges may follow.

The investigation was led by Kentucky State Police Desi West, the Campbellsville Police Department and the Lebanon Police Department.

Crab Orchard man charged with kidnapping, burglary

Interior Journal

A Lincoln County man has been charged with kidnapping an adult and first-degree burglary by state police.

James E. Cash, 34, of Crab Orchard, is accused of forcing his way into a Ky. 643 residence, assaulting a female resident and forcing her into his vehicle around 8 a.m. Thursday, according to a news release from state police.

"During the incident, it is alleged that Cash produced a firearm and threatened to kill her," the release stated. "The female was able to exit the vehicle at the Dollar General in Crab Orchard, at which time the police were called."

State troopers arrested Cash at his Old Richmond Road home following the incident, at about 9:47 a.m.

An investigation into the incident by state police is ongoing.

As of Thursday night, Cash was being held in the Lincoln County Regional Jail without bond.

Several Radio Shack stores in state targeted for closing

Kentucky Press News Service

As part of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Radio Shack plans to close about

half of its roughly 4,000 retail locations nationwide.

Twenty-five Radio Shack stores in Kentucky will shut down, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Included on the shut-down list are: three locations in Northern Kentucky, five in Louisville, two in Lexington, two in Ashland, one each in Nicholasville, Paris, Winchester, Danville, Elizabethtown, Morehead, Hazard, Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Princeton, Bowling Green, Paducah and Mayfield.

Some locations that will remain open will operate as Sprint cell phone stores.

Details are still being worked out in court, the WSJ reported on its website. The restructuring does not include franchise stores.

KSP warns of scammers soliciting donations for fallen officers

Kentucky Press News Service

The Kentucky State Police is advising all residents of the state to beware of phone scams requesting financial donations for fallen police officers.

KSP Post 16 in Henderson has documented a number of people who reported receiving calls from someone who said he is with KSP or another police professional fundraiser.

His goal is to try to obtain donations (credit or bank card information) for fallen officers who have died in the line of duty.

When asked for more information about his authenticity, he hangs up. Complainants advise the caller may identify himself as "Rick" and calls are from the 270 area code.

The investigation is in its early stages, but this number is likely a Skype account originating overseas.

KSP does not and will not ask anyone for any banking or personal information.

Although KSP is currently involved in raising funds for a fallen trooper memorial, it does not engage in cold call telemarketing activities, the agency said in a news release.

KSP recommends treating every solicitation call as a scam until proven otherwise.

The best and proper way to determine the legitimacy of a charitable organization is to check with the Kentucky Attorney General's office by calling 502-696-5300 or visiting their website at: ag.ky.gov.

By law, every charitable organization must be registered with the AG's office.

Proposed bill to set school opening date past Aug. 26

Kentucky School Board Association News Service

According to Kentucky Senate Bill 129, public schools would not be able to start earlier than the Monday closest to Aug. 26.

WKYT television station has learned that the bill was filed by Kentucky Senator Chris Girdler, who represents District 15 in Lincoln, Boyle and Pulaski Counties.

The Senate bill states, "The first student attendance day in the school term shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to Aug. 26, except in school districts that have adopted a year-round calendar."

If the bill is passed, the change will begin with the 2016-2017 school year.

There is a way that school systems can avoid the new legislature.

The Senate bill states, "A school district that has canceled 7 or more student attendance days over each of the past 5 years due to inclement weather may request a waiver."

Those schools would be able to begin classes earlier than the Monday closest to August 26.

WKYT checked the Kentucky Department of Education's 2014-15 calendar and saw that almost all Kentucky schools started before August 26.

Schools typically started classes between July 30 and Aug. 13.

Bell County Schools' first day of 2014 was actually on Aug. 26.

Most Kentucky schools would notice the change unless they applied to be waived.

Deeds Recorded

Richard Montour, Liberty, to Febiola Mejia, Liberty, one acre in Bee Lee Cove subdivision, \$35,000.

James and Teresa Richards, Hustonville, to Larry Moberly, Hustonville, 5.75 acres in Casey County, \$12,000.

Michael Lawless, Yosemite, to Brandon and Tabitha Wesley, Somerset, 4.5 acres on Elmore Hill Road, \$20,000.

Gerald and Dottie Wethington, Liberty, to Jessie and Rebecca Turpin, Liberty, 5.3 acres on Carmicle Ridge Road and 4.58 acres on Woodrum Ridge Road, \$90,000.

Tracy and Laura Hebrock, Liberty, to James and Claudia Pruner, Liberty, 1.037 acres on Apostolic Ridge Road, \$74,558.58.

William and Robin Bright, Lebanon, and Thomas and Mary Newton, Lebanon, to Jerry Rodgers, Liberty, 15.71 acres on Ky. 1547, \$8,000.

Jerry Rodgers, Liberty, to Zachary Rodgers, Liberty, 10.75 acres on Canoe Creek, love and affection, fair market value \$45,000.

Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc., Somerset, to Lisa Propes, Windsor, 13.5 acres in Casey County, \$47,000.

Don's Rental Properties, LLC, Windsor, to Wayne Payton, Liberty, two lots in Weddle and Cundiff addition to Liberty, \$7,000.

Cheryl Williams, Denver, Colo., Angel Williams,

Westminster, Colo., Jeffery and Inger Williams, Westminster, Colo., and Johnathan Williams, Lexington, to David and Shirley Coffman, Liberty, 25 acres in Casey County, \$60,000.

Gayle and Donovan Nelson, Sidney, Mont., and Renita and Phillip Russell, Russell Springs, to Patricia Short, Liberty, 4.91 acres on Poplar Springs Road, for and in consideration to complete a transfer made in 1996 and no monies exchanging hands, fair market value \$5,500.

Glen and Pam Luster, Hustonville, to Johnnie Jr. and Carole Beard, Liberty, 1.53 acres on U.S. 127, \$4,000.

Terry and Virginia Wethington, Liberty, to Jeffrey Patten, Liberty, 1.47 acres on Gum Lick Road, love and affection, fair market value \$2,500.

Douglas and Janet Wahl, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Stephen Baker, Kings Mountain, 1.44 acres in Casey County, \$5,500.

Douglas Wahl, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Stephen Baker and Pamela Wilson, Kings Mountain, 55 acres in Casey County, \$37,000.

Nannie Davis, Liberty, to

Joseph and Verda Beachy, Liberty, 55.28 acres on Horney Head Branch, \$165,864.

Ridgefield Place, LLC, Liberty, to Keith and Sherree Wilson, Liberty, .63 acres in Casey County, \$13,000.

Marriage Licenses

Sabine Schwarz, 49, Hustonville, MHT/Certified Nurse Aide, and Enrico Bianchi, 55, Hustonville, technician.

Heather Owens, 20, Bethleridge, homemaker, and Anthony Decker, 21, Bethleridge, Kroger.

Kerrie Durham, 31, Liberty, homemaker, and Richard Wesley, 42, Liberty, Tarter Industries.

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BIRTHDAY



99th birthday

Oba Davis will celebrate her 99th birthday on Friday, Feb. 13 from 12-2 p.m. at the Casey County Senior Center located at 85 Bel-don Ave. All friends and family are invited for cake and fellowship.

Family news items may be submitted via e-mail to news@caseynews.net.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity.[b] I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Jeremiah 29:11-14



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Casey ASAP members meet with Whitfield

Casey County Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention board members Cathy Williams, third from left; Jennifer Godbey, far right; and Missy Warner, seventh from left, met with Congressman Ed Whitfield on Feb. 4 in Washington, D.C. concerning Drug Free Communities funding and grass root prevention efforts.

Health News

Kentucky residents can reduce cancer risk through healthy lifestyle choices in 2015

Guidelines on nutrition and physical activity for cancer prevention from the American Cancer Society stress the importance of healthy behaviors. Everyday lifestyle choices can do a lot to help you stay well and reduce your cancer risk.

Almost one-third of cancer deaths each year are caused by tobacco use. Up to one-third of the cancer cases that occur in the U.S. are related to overweight, obesity, physical inactivity, and/or poor nutrition, and thus could also be prevented.

While there are cancer risk factors you can't change, such as age and genetics, there are others which you have the power to do something about.

The American Cancer Society recommends women and men avoid tobacco, maintain a healthy weight, stay physically active throughout life, and eat a healthy diet. It's also important for individuals to see their doctors regularly and have regular cancer screening tests.

■ Staying active means engaging in at least 150

minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity each week for adults, or an equivalent combination, preferably spread throughout the week.

■ Eating right means choosing a plant-based

diet – at least 2.5 cups of vegetables and fruits each day, whole grains instead of processed (refined) grains, and limiting how much processed and red meats you eat.

■ Limit alcohol consumption to no more than

one drink per day for women or two per day for men. Cancer risk appears to increase with alcohol consumption.

■ Getting screened means having age-appropriate cancer screenings. While cancer screening tests cannot prevent cancer, they may help catch the disease early, when it is easiest to treat.

This year, make a choice to stay well and reduce your cancer risk.

Find the tools you need to stay well by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visiting cancer.org.



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Apostolic Lighthouse

Thursday night, Bro. Danny Warren's lesson, "Importance of the Holy Ghost," was from Isaiah 28:11-13. Attendance was 13.

Bro. Eric Miller started Sunday service with "Is Satan Calling You Out?" from I Samuel 17:1-10. Bro. Danny's message, "Self Denial," was from Matthew 17:21. Attendance was 27.

Bro. Eric's evening message, "Let Someone Else Do It," was from Luke 17:11-19. Bro. Danny continued with "Self Denial," from Luke 4:1-4. Attendance was 23.

A special speaker from Burkesville will be here Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer list: Veronica McQueary, Rendale Cundiff, Beverly Clements, Stanley Meeks, Marvin Meeks, Whitney Murphy, Rick Cooper, Terry McQueary, Ed Meeks, Jimmy Bates, and Anita Fletcher.

Bruces Chapel

Wednesday attendance was 17. Bro. Chad Davenport's message, "What's Coming Out?" was from Mark 7:14-15.

Attendance on Sunday was 53. Bro. Creech's message, "Is the Price Right?" was from Romans 3:23 and Matthew 26-27. Casperina and Sindy celebrated a birthday. Patricia's parents celebrated 68 years of marriage. The coin march collected \$38 and Danny matched it. Valentine dinner will be Sunday at 6 p.m.

Evening attendance was 24 in attendance. Bro. Creech's message, "Fear of God is the Beginning of Wisdom and Knowledge," was from Proverbs 1:7-33.

Brush Creek

Attendance was 68 with 12 in children's church. Sunday school lesson was from James 2. Bro. Billy Bryant's evening message was from Psalms 30:20, "Your Help Will Come."

Valentine fellowship meal will be Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

Prayer requests: Doris Brown, Freddie Luttrell, Benny Scott, Jacob Atwood, Janice King, Tim Shepherd, Wanda King, Myrtle Lynn, Samantha Lynn, Zach Cook, Brook Breedon, Bridgett Lynn's mother, Glinda Beal, Jessie Owens, Scott Cochran, and Kenny and Teresa Beal.

Ellisburg

Attendance was 54. Johnny and Kacy Ellis brought the special music. The message was by Bro. Bud Stidham.

Bro. Bud Stidham brought the evening message and Janet Hogue had special music.

Prayer list: Margaret Duffey, Melissa Lynn, Mary Ann Hicks, Doug Hafley, Esker Gilpin, Charlene Phillips, Jean Hafley, Joe Cutter, Madelyn Lynn, Lillie Hogue, Gene Morrison, Robert and Linnie Sears, and Becky Fair family.

First Baptist

Attendance for Sunday school was 90 with 125 for worship. Marcenia had the children's message about Valentine's Day and love using John 3:16. A skit about Valentine's Day featured Anna, Beth, Molly, Adam and Marlie, and the children sang, "Jesus Loves Me." Sheila Hogue had special music. Bro. Jimmy's message, "Refocus On Our Commitment With Love And Patience," was from II Thessalonians 3:1-5.

The evening message, "Working Effectively For Jesus," was from John 6:27-30. Wednesday at 7 p.m. will be business meeting and youth activities. Next Sunday at noon, our Relay For Life team will sponsor a spaghetti lunch.

Prayer list: Curtis Goode, Mary Hatfield, Kara Schaller, Etwell Floyd, Connie Murphy, Anita Fletcher, Vic Grooms, Kenny Blevins, and the Alene Bastin family.

First Christian

Prayer was requested for the families of Bob Wilkinson and Betty Jean Hiesle, Rose Buis, Heather Cundiff, Marvin Douglas, Rick Cooper, and Glen Luster.

Worship & Wonder's focus

was "The Parable of the Great Pearl." Children's sermon was by Sally Davis, reminding us that as we share love with others, we can never out-love God's love.

Wednesday events include Chi Rho at 3:15, children's choir at 4:15, CYF and JYF at 5, and choir practice at 7.

Ash Wednesday service will be on Feb. 18. Prior to the service we will enjoy fellowship and dinner.

Anyone interested in singing with the spring choir as they prepare for their upcoming concert is invited to join the choir for weekly choir practice each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Goose Creek

Attendance was 13 for Sunday school and worship, and 18 Sunday night. Danielle and Paul Pullen had birthdays. Bro. Billy Hewitt's Sunday school lesson was from Psalm 82:1-8, "Messages Should Come From God." His morning and evening messages, "Safe In God," was from Proverbs 3:5-6 and Isaiah 41:10 and "Having A Desire To Serve God."

Prayer requests: Jean Salisbury, Brandon and Tyson Pitman, Troy Letourneau, James Walters, Barbara Asberry, Cleo and Robin Harris, Thomas and Sue Salisbury, Bill and Tammy Baker, Geraldine and Johnny Asberry, Kathy Fogle, Doc Burton, Ronald Cundiff, Nikki Hardy, Kameron Cox, Gary Morris, Mary Hicks family, Billy and Brandy Hewitt, Merlene Coffman, Tahlon and Edward Warner, Dickie Lamb, Dorothy and Ronnie Allen, Valerie Roy, Mary Lou Franks family, Faye Carter, Sandra Byrd, Homer Barnard, Richard and Mary Jo Owens, Brandi Keith, Hailey Franklin, David and Alicia Absher, Brent and Tracy Pendleton, Bo and Leslie Brown, Anthony and Anthony Peyton III, Sue Stafford, Noel and Vickie Rodgers, Lana Peyton, Hope and Edith Salyers, Lyle and Tammy Warner, Jeremy and Amber Brown, and Hazel Henson.

Grove Ridge

Attendance was 31 with Bro. Tim Harris' message from Revelation 3:1-6. Evening attendance was 23 with Bro. Tim's message from Genesis 16:1-16. Eli Childers had a birthday.

Business meeting will be Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Valentine's banquet will be Feb. 21 at 5 p.m.

Prayer requests: Margy Harris' friend, Fred and Debbie Greene, Aleshia Watts, Rick Cooper, Ashley Brown, Joe and Julia Hamilton, Dinah Rowland Burton, Grandma Hogue, Kellie Hatter, Dereck Falconbury, Billie and Helen Watts, Robie and Betty Prater, Nora McKinney, Bill Powers, Sharon Nutt, Betty Roberts, Loretta Hackworth, Kevin Pittman, and Josh and Amanda Bentley.

Hwy. 49 Holiness

Attendance was 35 with five in the children's penny march. Bro. Phillip Smallwood's lesson, "Being Protected By God's Gifts," was from Hebrews, Luke, Matthew, and Revelation. His evening message, "Time Is Running Out, Be a Good Watchman," was from Luke 8:4-18 and Isaiah 21:1-2.

Bro. Phillips' Wednesday message, "You Can't Stop God," was from Hebrews, Philippians, Romans and Galatians.

Prayer requests: Elijah Maupin, Elza King, Anita Fletcher, Manika Hogue, Granny Denson, Cleve Rodgers, Mary Cook, Carol King, Taylor and Leah Smallwood, Minnie Jane Lynn, Oval and Anita Wheeler, Lauren Price, Priscilla Jones, Rita Torres, Freddie Luttrell, Vicky Mullins, Shannon Johnson, Barbie Harmon, and families of Mike Durham and Cindy Luster Whitis.

Jennies Chapel

Attendance was 42. Pastor Wayne Cole's message, "Our Strength Comes From God," was from Ephesians 6:10 and II Corinthians 12:9-10. Evening message was from I Timothy.

Wednesday Bible study is in II Kings 3-4 and youth will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Latter Day Saints

Lester Meadows conducted the service. Invocation was by Cheryl Shelton. Sacrament was administered by Mike Sumner, Carl Howard, Andrew Mercer-Long, Lucas Foley, and Julian Clifton. Speakers were Andrew Mercer-Long, "Hope and Faith in Jesus Christ," Elder Asay, "What Would Jesus Do?" and Robin Mardis, "Converting Ourselves." Benediction was by Terrill Ware.

The Sunday school lesson was "Apostles Are Called As Special Witnesses of Jesus Christ."

Middleburg

Bro. Keith read Acts 24:24-25 for his message, "What's Stopping You From Being Saved?" On Sunday evening, "When God's People Fall" was Bro. Keith's message using Psalms 51.

The Valentine banquet is Saturday. Hats, scarves, and gloves are the OCC items for February.

Prayer list: Junior Bell, Georgia Cain, Rick Cooper, Mark and Debbie Dunham, Irene Frederick, John Gore, Lauren Johnson, Betty and Nick Merriman, Geri Faye, and Les Murphy, Morgan Neil, Shane, Melia and Eve Peek, Dorothy Roney, Liam and Jarrod Short, Avoniel Thompson, Anna and Sarah Wethington, Rosanne Wilson, and the families of Brandon Atwood, Alene Bastin, Pat Galloway, Nina Vanoy, Halli Wilson, and Jack Wood.

Mt. Calvary Baptist

Attendance was 26 for Sunday school and 56 for worship. Bro. Ronnie's message was from Genesis, Galatians, Leviticus, Romans, II Peter, I Timothy and Revelation. Celebrating an anniversary were Joe and Lynette Black. Pam Morgan and Brandy Carman had the children's service.

Evening attendance was 22 in attendance. Bro. Ronnie's message, "Worldly Things," was from Genesis. Attendance for the associational winter worship was 65.

Household shower for Mark and Debbie Dunham will be Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at the church. A love offering will also be taken up at the Sunday morning and evening services. A youth trip to Danville will be Feb. 22 from 1-3 p.m.

Prayer requests: Fred Brown family, Bro. Ronnie, Ronnie Joe Wesley, Charlotte Carman, Blake and Jessica Radliff, Jerry Denson, Tony Strong, Benny Spears, Lisa Foley, Mandy Jones, Vanessa Padgett, and Josh Goforth.

Mt. Calvary Community

Attendance was 65. Bro. Paul Wilkerson's devotional was from Matthew 12:42-45. Bro. Josh Robinson's lesson was from Luke 11. His message, "Crown of Righteousness," was from Revelation 3. Aidyn Wilkerson, Brayden Wilkerson and Dennis Chumbley had birthdays.

Prayer requests: Charlie Daniels' mother, Rosemary Daniels, Brenda Knight, Bobby Price, Clifford Dehart, Jennifer Asberry, Amber Knight, and Hallie Wilson.

Mt. Olive

Attendance was 61 for Sunday school. The lesson, "Serving Neighbors, Serving God," was from Matthew 22:33-40. Worship service had 119. The message, "Lessons On Anger," was from Ephesians 4:26-32. Birthdays were Chaz McGowan, McKenzie Fitzpatrick, Michael Foley, Donna Floyd, Emma Cravens, Gail Ware, and Floyd Stamper. Anniversary was John and Nancy Patch.

Evening attendance was 28. The message, "God Is Able To Humble," was from Daniel 4:1-7.

Bible study will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday studying Job 1.

There will be a Valentine potluck Sunday following morning service.

Prayer requests: Bradley Ratliff, Blake Hunley, James Salyers, Lee Wall, Norman Durham, and families of Linda Haddix and Alene Bastin.

Mt. Pleasant

Devotional reading was from Matthew 22:33-40. Oldest person present was Howard Bell and youngest was Jaxson Bryant. Sunday school lesson, "Serving Neighbors, Serving God," was from Luke 10:25-37. Special singing was by Randal Davis. Bro. Terry's message was from Matthew 10:26-33. Attendance was 41.

Prayer list: Dorothy Evans, Otis and Nancy Patton, Paula Clements, Mary Jane Bryant, Shirley and Donald Land, Inez Davis, Jerry Goodin, Shirley Helm, Sarah Lynn, Jessica Bryant, Brenda Bush, Ernest Hash, Ashley Pittman, Abby Pittman, Kathy Goodin, Dale Sellers, Chad Combs, Cheryl Hayes, Beverly Clements, Adrian Davis, and Nina Vanoy family.

Old Time Ind. Baptist

Attendance was 30 for Sunday school and 32 for worship. Bro. Ricky Rodgers' devotion was from II Peter 3:1-4. His lesson was from Matthew 7:13-20, "The Straight Gate." His message was from Amos 8:4-14 and Romans 10:8-19, "Warning of a Famine in the Land for the Word of God."

Evening attendance was 29. Bro. Andrew Luttrell preached from Ecclesiastes 2:4-14, "Where Is Your Treasure."

Prayer requests: Brittany Pennington, Ricky Rodgers, Victor Luttrell, Norman Coffey, Tony Rodgers, Shane and Kara Rodgers, Sherry Coleman, Travis Cordett, Natalee Luttrell, Andrew Luttrell, Denny Dunn, Karen Pennington, Rodney Luttrell, Joe Evans, Larry Keith, Angie Worley, Amy Sims, Robert Pittman, Iva Dean and Monica Luttrell, Jr. Pemberton, Megan Shelton, Patrick and Cierra Bryant, Dillard Cole, McKenna Wilham, Barbara and David Asbury, Cody Vest, Blake Hottinger, Tom Hogue, Danny Terry, Danny and Johnny Clarkson, Sue Rodgers, and Bruce and Valerie Holt.

Poplar Grove

Attendance was 60. A guest speaker brought the message. Mona Whited had the children's message. Elsie Clark and Jewel Lynn had birthdays.

Prayer concerns: Anita Fletcher, Doug Hafley, Carla Randolph, Larry Chaffee, Ryland Gilpin, Etwell Floyd, Beverly Pierce, Susan Wilson, Danny Joe Spears, Beverly Cochran, Nancy Randolph, Oneil Wells, Brian and Lauren Johnson, Ralph Roy, Agatha Goforth, Jerry Wilkinson, Steve Ross, Jane Wardrip, Haylee Olds, Mary Rodgers, Mike Lee, Glenna Bryant, Phyllis Porter, Boyd Brown, Philip Graham, Marlene Melton, Rick Cooper, Dale Wilkinson, Paul Hale, Walker Coffman, Rebecca Smith, Doris Richards, Ken Luttrell, Junior Emerson, Jay Rose, Keith Peyton, Missy Hart Marrs, Venita Warner, Carl Melton, Anita Canary, and families of Jack Upchurch, Nina Vanoy and Helen Russell.

Poplar Springs

Attendance was 36 for Sunday school and 55 for worship. Bro. David L. Johnson's devotional was from John 6:1-9. Bro. Johnny Maupin's children's sermon with 12 participants was about God having a book with our name in it from Revelation 3:5. Special music was by the choir and Marveta Russell. Bro. Johnny's sermon, "We Will Have New Bodies in Heaven," was from II Corinthians 5:1-10.

WMU and Brotherhood will meet Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Fellowship meal will be Feb. 15 following evening service. AWANA had 29 in attendance. They meet Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

Prayer requests: Andrea Norman, Sue Clements' daughter Lisa, Genevieve Durham Bruce, Rick Cooper, Kristin Weddle, Lisa Broyles, Dennie Johnson, Priscilla Jones, Richard and Mary Jo Owens, Eula Weddle, Ronnie Joe Wesley, Tammy Poff's friend, Rose Wilham, Tracy Johnson's friend Patty and her mom, Rodney Hundley, Sue Clements' grandson Jeremy, Tracy Johnson, Bobby and Carol Russell, Johnny Maupin,

Yvonne Capelli, Jessie Russell, Steve Johnson, Bobby Maupin, John Shugars, and families of Helen Russell and Nina Vanoy.

Rich Hill

Bro. Lynville Hatter's Thursday night's message, "The Gift of God," was from I John 5:1-13 and John 3:16.

The devotional, read by Tim Buis, was from Mark 9:1-10. Sunday school lesson was from II Corinthians 10:11-18. Sunday night's message was from Matthew 7:1-7, 12-20 and Galatians 5:19-26.

Prayer requests: Alex Colvin, David Tyler Buis, Tim and Tara Buis, Jean Burton, Violet Buis, Linda Buis, Donnie and Audrey Carman, Sue Buis, Debbie Craft, Stephanie Buis, James Dean, Larry and Lily Porter, Becky Salisbury, Edith Richardson, Linda Hogue family, Wanda Wilham, Dennis and Gay Pond, Jannis Phelps, Mark McQueary, Daniel Porter, Monica Luttrell, Kevin Pittman, Travis Buis, Ronnie Joe Wesley, Rachel Murphy, Larry and Judy Harris, Debbie McAninch, Doris Noel, Lilburn Wilhelm, Joann Rodgers, Brandon Greene, Butch and Betsy Godbey, Victor Luttrell, Pascal Luttrell, Teresa Walls, Maxine Roy, and families of Mike Durham, Jack Woods, Linda Patterson, and Diane Patterson.

Rocky Ford

Rev. Johnson's sermon was from Genesis 6:8, "Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord."

Prayer concerns: George and Evelyn Reed family, Elda Holder, Bill Marvel, Jim Reed, Lois Wilson, Gary Lay, Kenneth Ewing, Charley Browning, Alice and Glen Wilson, Johnny Wilson, Rudell Johnson, Carol Gregory, Jacob Stafford, Glenna Bryant, Pauline Wright, Bobby Wilcher, Rodney Hundley, Judy Price, Don Christi, Fern Murphy, Mary Lou Franks family, Bryan and Lauren Johnson, Nina Vanoy family, and James Dish family.

Sacred Heart

Attendance was 38. Scripture readings were from Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147:1-6; I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; and Mark 1:29-39. Homily/reflection was "Fraility and Purpose."

Next Sunday's scripture will be Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; and Mark 1:40-45.

Feb. 18 is Ash Wednesday with holy mass and giving of ashes at 5 p.m. The Ladies Guild will provide meal after mass. There will be a giving of ashes at the courthouse at noon. A collection for the lenten baskets will begin Ash Wednesday and continue until March 29.

Stations of the cross will be Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. after holy mass. Stations of the cross in collaboration with Christ the King Anglican Church will be Feb. 25.

Traditional annual lenten retreat will be Feb. 28 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Bernard.

St. Bernard

Attendance was 99. Scripture readings were from Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147:1-6; I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; and Mark 1:29-39. Homily/reflection was "Human Frailty and the Touch of Jesus."

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Stations of the cross will be Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. followed by the fish fry.

Traditional annual lenten retreat will be Feb. 28 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thomas Ridge

Bro. Hershel's message was from Isaiah 5:20, "Sin." Evening service was a study in Revelation.

Prayer concerns: Mike Lee, Danny Wilkerson, Darrell Meeks, John Owens, Buck Thomas, Louie Luttrell, Pauline Frost, Edith Fox, Andrew Conner, Rick Cooper, Bruce Luttrell, Shorty Pruitt, Richard Hogue, Betty Bernard, Marlene Taylor, Debbie Burt, Victor Rodgers, Angie Rodgers, Jamie Smallwood, Tonya Meece, Hailey Wilson, and Dorothy Evans.

Valley Oak

Attendance was 54 for Sunday school and 62 for worship. Marvin Godbey read Isaiah 51:1-6 for devotional. Gentry Mullins had special music. Mary Lou Carman and Ronald Lawless had birthdays.

Youth Discovery class meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Our church van is now in service. Call Bobby Clark for a ride.

Prayer requests: Danny Joe Spears, Bobby Clark, Arthur and Wilma Wesley, Edna Maddox, J.T. Murphy, Ivadean Price, Talmadge Murphy, Ronnie Joe Wesley, Fern Murphy, Daniel Clark, Ethan Lawless, Aaron Cravens, Melline Hodge's niece, Brandon Carman, Vincent Wall, Larry and Bonnie Wesley, Mike Durham family, Oakley Stratton, George and Ginger Emerson, Reese Burdette, Joyce Wilham, Terry Mullins, Vincent Wall, Richard and Mary Jo Owens, Faye Foster, Pat Clark, Tom and Anita Salyers, Norman and Faye Godbey, Rachel Bentley, Dennis and Spring Bryant, Butch Godbey, Susan Godbey, David Stringer, Lilburn Byrd, Ora Gadberrry, and Jesse Hines.

Walnut Hill

Attendance was 85 with nine in the youth choir. Bro. Rodney Smith's message, "When Opportunity Knocks, Let Jesus In," was from Matthew 19:16-22.

His evening message, "Where Would You Be if You Didn't Have the Lord?" was from Luke 24:13-32.

Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. studying II Corinthians 3. Youth will also meet. The men will fix breakfast for the women on Feb. 14 from 8-10 a.m.

Prayer requests: Fern and Edwin Murphy, Judy Brown, Sherman Murphy, Edith Wilson, Eloise Smith, Chris Smith, Jim Smith, Kay Murphy, Luke Polly, Debbie Lawhorn Brown, Bonnie Tucker, William Shoopman, Tesa Baldock, Mary Lou Franks, Lavon Murphy, Dennis Baldock, George Reed family, Louie Luttrell, Freddie Luttrell, Pam Coffey, Joe Ray Farris, Richard and Mary Jo Owens, Vicki Cowan, Rick Cooper, R.C. and Alma Vida Weddle, Chris and Connie Weddle, Lauren Johnson, Mary Rodgers, Rita Dalton, Anna Patterson, Sherri Hatter, Sherry Hatter, Heather Cundiff, Georgia Cain, Ron Rabich, and Dan Coffey.

Watson Chapel

Attendance was 16 for Sunday school and 24 for worship. Devotional reading was from Galatians 5:10-17. Bro. Sherman Floyd's message, "Christian Evolution," was from I Corinthians 15:45-58. Ethan Russell and Sherman Floyd celebrated birthdays.

Prayer list: Marie Drostie, Jesse Hines, Frank and Betty Wethington, Ruth Ann Atwood, J.T. Murphy, Pearl Short, Wilma Hatter, Louie Luttrell, Haylee Olds, Brian and Lauren Johnson, Norman Durham, Ora Gadberrry, R.J. Wesley, Mary Jo Owens, Betty Bernard, and David Coffman.



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10 Years Ago Week of Feb. 16, 2005

With approximately 50 miles of pipe already in the ground and less than four miles left to lay, the East Casey County Water District's project to supply water to 300 additional residents was nearing an end.

Six months after breaking ground, construction officials estimated that the building of Jones Park Elementary was 50 percent complete.

Caverna ended Casey County boys basketball team's modest two-game winning streak by defeating the Rebels 65-54.

The Casey County girls and boys basketball teams were to be moved to the 47th district for the 2005-06 season, and coaches and administration were not too happy about the change.

The CCMS seventh grade Colonels were runners-up in the Salt River Conference Tournament they hosted.

Elli Lipschutz, owner of Dottiedale Kennels, was one of the guest speakers at Middleburg Elementary's Career Day and sponsored a writing contest on pets for students in grades 4-6.

A three-ounce package of assorted Maruchan ramen noodles were 10 for \$1 at Food Center.

California red or white seedless grapes were \$1.49 per pound at Abe's Pic-Pac.

"Hitch," and "Son of the Mask," were showing at Danville Cinemas 8.

Obituaries: Hansel Cochran, 78; Mildred A. Dowell, 73; Lula Gilpin, 101; Rena Richardson, 86; Sidney A. Luster, 73; Dazie Holt, 79; Adell Garrett, 95; Amos Emerson; Donald Estes, 68; Mitchel F. Clements, 50.

20 Years Ago Week of Feb. 15, 1995

Casey County Fiscal Court approved a resolution in favor of bringing prayer back in public schools. Around 50 people attended court to show their support for the resolution.

The Casey County War Memorial Hospital received a \$200,000 grant from the state for the care of indigent patients. The hospital was one of 60 across the state to receive the special funding.

A \$1 million lawsuit was brought against former Liberty Mayor Freddie Goode and former Police Chief Tommy Rodgers by city councilman David Coffman after the mayor ordered Rodgers to arrest him for misconduct and negligence to perform his duties.

Casey County magistrates began assigning names to county roads that had never been previously named.

The Casey County Health Department had around 100 radon kits that were free to county residents. The kit could detect the presence of radon in the home, which was believed to be linked to causing a certain type of lung cancer.

Vernie and Mildred Foster celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Chuck roast was \$1.49 a pound at Food World.

Obituaries: James Garland Griffin, 59; Delmer Almurl Malone, 70; Essie R. Woodrum, 84; James W. Wethington, 65; Evon Emerson Culp, 60; Clara Thomas, 73.

30 Years Ago Week of Feb. 20, 1985

Liberty Mayor Malcolm Wolfed advised city residents that they could expect taxes to be raised due to a cut in the revenue sharing program by President Ronald Reagan.

Casey County schools had lost 25 instructional days due to winter weather since the beginning of the school year.

With the deadline to file for the May primary ballot only a week away, no one had filed for the office of Liberty mayor.

Casey County tobacco farmers were facing the possibility of a 10 percent quota cut in their 1985 crops. Farmers were being urged by the local agriculture agent to write a letter of protest regarding the cut to the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Shirley Sheperson retired as Casey County's Extension Agent for Home Economics after 32 years of service.

Jim Bunning, the Republican candidate for governor in 1983, was guest speaker at the Lincoln Day Dinner hosted by the Casey Republicans Women's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. James Atwood celebrated their 60th



Photo submitted/WILMA HATTER

Casey Co. Apple Festival 1975

This picture of Pearl Short was made near the old Peanut's Grocery at the first Casey County Apple Festival in 1975. According to Wilma Hatter, she and Pearl were about the first ones there and the Wolfords were also there with their apples.

wedding anniversary.

Liberty police were investigating a theft of \$150 from BJ's Car Wash. Coin boxes to operate the car wash were removed and taken.

A six-pack of 3-Musketeer candy bars was 99 cents at A&D Supermarket.

Obituaries: Ida Mae Clements, 73; Paulette Eloge, 62; Rupert Christopher Weddle, 83.

40 Years Ago Week of Feb. 20, 1975

Jessie Lloyd Walls, 46, of Walltown, was shot and killed by a man whom he had been friends with for more than a year. Walls' son, who witnessed the account, was also charged with assault after he, in turn, shot the man in the head.

Horace Ellis, 30, of Maxey Valley, was shot in the chest by one of two men present at the time of an argument. An investigation into the incident never determined who fired the

shot.

A poolroom in Yosemite owned was re-opened by Circuit Judge Jason C. Carter. The establishment had been closed earlier after the owner was cited for operating the business without a permit.

A murder case against a Russell County man ended with a hung jury after a change of venue from Russell to Casey County. The man was on trial for the death of two sisters, ages 14 and 16, whose bodies were found in the man's car.

Thieves robbed Wesley Drug Store of narcotic drugs and about \$50 in cash.

William Clement Clements, 53, was killed instantly when a tractor overturned on him at Woods Creek.

Log Cabin coffee was 79 cents a pound at A&D Supermarket.

Walt Disney's "Old Yeller" was playing at the Kentuckian Theatre.

Obituaries: Leatha Elizabeth Clements, 40; Sarah

Lou Ella Zachary, 89; Freddie Gooch, 5; Janie Sutton Eldridge, 62.

50 Years Ago Week of Feb. 18, 1965

For the first time, children were allowed to vote in a tobacco referendum as long as it could be proven that they had an interest in the previous year's crop, such as planting priming or picking up leaves.

County and city police were advised by Ohio State Police to be on the lookout for a man with Casey County ties who was wanted in the kicking death of a woman at a cafe in Elmwood Place.

School officials announced that this year could possibly be the last for one-room schools in Casey County. Plans were in the making to open six consolidated elementary schools across the county.

Two 4-year-old children stayed remarkably calm in a life-threatening situation. Jamie Hatter and her cousin, Danny Stafford,

were exploring property at the edge of Liberty when they uncovered an old well. Jamie fell into the 18-foot deep well and was in water up to her shoulders, but not seriously injured. She sent Danny to get help from her mother. Forrest "Bub" Stafford, summoned by the screams of Jamie's mother, climbed into the well and pulled the girl to safety.

Children and misses 100 percent waterproof boots with fur cuffs were \$2.97 a pair at The Louisville Store.

Two jars of Pennant marshmallow cream were 39 cents at A&D Supermarket.

"Send Me No Flowers," was showing at the Kentuckian Theater with Rock Hudson, Doris Day, and Tony Randall.

Obituaries: Nancy Jane Harris, 80; John William Toombs, 82; Martha Washington, 81; Arthur Sandmeyer, 68; Everett C. Rutherford, 61.

Casey County Senior Citizens Center News



Seniors observe National Puzzle Day

Casey County Senior Citizens Center enjoyed working puzzles, crosswords, circle words and Bananagrams on National Puzzle Day on Jan. 29. ABOVE, Emily Allen, Mabel Lane and Mae Bell are shown working a jigsaw puzzle and RIGHT, Freda Emerson, Sue Gilpin and Versie Lawhorn completed a circle word puzzle.

Photo submitted



Senior Center menu, events for Feb. 11-17

Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, tomatoes and peppers, ranch dressing, orange, Texas toast, margarine, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 12 — Baked ham, white beans, Calif. veggies, pineapple juice, cornbread, margarine, milk.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Hamburger steak with mushroom gravy, whole potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, margarine, milk.

Monday, Feb. 16 — Creamy chicken, butter noodles, mixed greens, peaches, V8 juice, roll, margarine, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 — Beef stew with carrots, potatoes, crackers, apple, cookie, milk.

Activities

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee; 9 a.m., county commodities. Bring a friend with you today!

Thursday, Feb. 12 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee; 9:30 a.m., exercise with Lifeline Home Health (blood pressure check); 12 p.m., card games, puzzles.

Friday, Feb. 13 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee. Bring a Sweetheart Day for lunch!

Monday, Feb. 16 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee; 12 p.m. card games, puzzles; 3-7 p.m. AARP tax preparation.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee; 10 a.m., music; 12 p.m., Bingo.

HAY & FIREWOOD AUCTION

Selling various lots of hay, firewood and baked goods
Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.

Free coffee and donuts!

Items already consigned:

Three loads of square bales (orchard grass and alfalfa mix), one load of grass rolled hay, four bales of 3x3x8 western alfalfa, six ricks of firewood

Casey County Produce Auction
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Fabulous Friday
at LES

Students at Liberty Elementary School who made 100 percent on their spelling test on Jan. 29 were, front row, Rylee McQueary, Josslyn Gamble, Brady Johnson, Tanner Stringer, Julia King. Second row, Elizabeth Forbes, Mia Price, Hayden Crew, Audria Clements, Kamilia Mina, Colton Hatter, Hunter Atwood, Xavier Beagles, Justin Clifton, Anne Taylor Cain. Back row, Cheyanne Scott, Brady Wright, Kimberly Hernandez, Kaden Farris, Guy Turner, Ellah Cundiff, Deysi Ramirez, Noah Turpin, and Jason Li.



FFA students attend conference
Eight students from Casey County FFA recently attended the 212nd Leadership Conference hosted at Eastern Kentucky University. The two-day conference is focused on student development and FFA members attended sessions on discovering their passions, making positive decisions, setting SMART goals, and taking steps toward self improvement. Those attending were, front row, from left, Kara Spinks, Presley Woodrum and Amber Pierce. Back row, Laci Lee, Kendra Wethington, Jesse Buis, Isaac Lay, and Joshua Underwood.

Four from Casey earn
degrees from WKU

The following Western Kentucky University students earned degrees at the December 2014 commencement ceremonies — Wendy Payton, Master of Science; Lorrie B. Vaught, Associate of Science in Nursing; Kelly R. Howard, Bachelor of Science; and Anthony K. Hernandez, Bachelor of Science.



Hoskins headed to
state competition

Riley Hoskins, an eighth grade student at Casey County Middle School, placed fourth in the Math Written Assessment at the regional Governor's Cup Academic competition on Jan. 30. He will be competing at the state competition in Louisville on March 15.

Cadets kick off new year

On Jan. 30, the Junior ROTC cadets at Casey County High School kicked off the new year with Commanders Call. The Group Commander, C/Lt Col. Kelsey Arthur, made new officer introductions and discussed upcoming events, performance standards, and individual expectations. Arthur also addressed community service, physical training, uniform wear and individual goal achievement to complete the program. The event concluded with the recital of the Corps motto "Duty, Honor, Country; United States Air Force", and the singing of the Air Force song.



Menus for Casey County schools

Elementary & Middle
Breakfast

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Bacon biscuit or cini minis, fruit or juice.
Thursday, Feb. 12 — Muffin with yogurt or cereal, toast and jelly, fruit or juice.
Friday, Feb. 13 — Gravy and biscuit or cereal and pop tart, fruit or juice.
Monday, Feb. 16 — No school.
Tuesday, Feb. 17 — No school.
Choice of milk daily.
Daily Grab-N-Go — Mini muffins.

Lunch

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Taco salad with chips or soft taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, refried beans, corn, slushie sidekick, diced pears.
Thursday, Feb. 12 — Hot dog on bun or hamburger on

bun, onion, tomato, pickle, oven fries, tossed salad with ranch, baked beans, apple, peaches.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Pizza or quesadilla, tossed salad, steamed carrots, pear or orange, fruit cup.

Monday, Feb. 16 — No school.
Tuesday, Feb. 17 — No school.

High School
Breakfast

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Bacon/egg bagel or waffles/cereal, juice and fruit.
Thursday, Feb. 12 — Muffins and yogurt or glazed donut, juice and fruit.
Friday, Feb. 13 — Gravy and biscuit or cherry frudel, juice and fruit.
Monday, Feb. 16 — No school.
Tuesday, Feb. 17 — No school.

Choice of milk daily.

Lunch

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — New Orleans chicken or pizza, egg rolls, brown rice with veggies, tossed salad, steamed broccoli, apple/orange, fruit cup, cookie.

Thursday, Feb. 12 — Turkey/cheese or cheeseburger, oven fries, baked beans, tomato/pickle, apple/orange, fruit cup.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Chicken patty on bun or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, orange/apple, grapefruit.

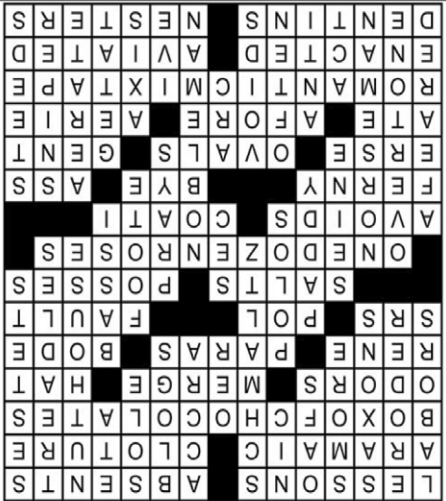
Monday, Feb. 16 — No school.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 — No school.

Choice of milk and salad boxes daily.

Cancellation of school may result in change of menu. Contact your school for changes.

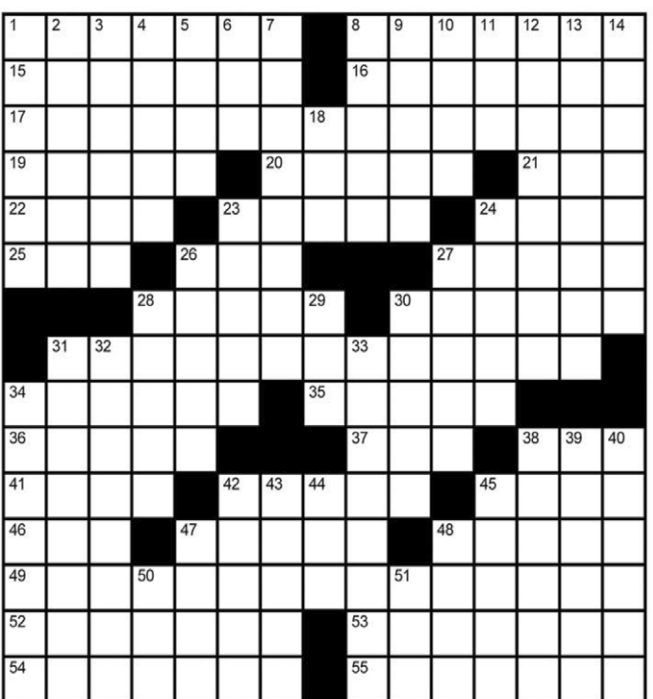
CROSSWORD
PUZZLE



"Valentine's Day Gifts"

Across

- 1 Classroom activities
- 8 Withdraws (oneself)
- 15 Language spoken by Jesus
- 16 Debate ender
- 17 Classic Valentine's Day present #1
- 19 Nose wrinklers
- 20 Blend with traffic
- 21 Hanger on a rack
- 22 Director Clair
- 23 Some law firm assistants
- 24 Point to
- 25 Elder cits.
- 26 D.C. VIP
- 27 Earthquake line
- 28 Preserves meat
- 30 Oater search parties
- 31 Classic Valentine's Day present #2
- 34 Escapes
- 35 Raccoon relative
- 36 Overgrown with fronds
- 37 "See ya!"
- 38 Jesus's mount, in John
- 41 Language spoken in Stornoway
- 42 Some picture frame shapes
- 45 Mannered fellow
- 46 Had a BLT, e.g.
- 47 Previously, to poets
- 48 Condor's digs
- 49 Classic Valentine's Day present #3
- 52 Made official
- 53 Flew a plane
- 54 Hard, bony materials beneath the enamel of teeth
- 55 Homesteaders



Down

- 1 Doings of Hercules
- 2 Wind or water
- 3 Early Germanic marauders
- 4 Campfire goody
- 5 Dimbulbs
- 6 CNN correspondent
- 7 Sentimentality
- 8 Gulf of Guinea hub
- 9 E-musings
- 10 Isolated
- 11 Third letter after delta
- 12 Loony bin
- 13 Foot levers
- 14 Sonnet endings
- 18 Finish'd
- 23 Some collared pullovers
- 24 They take the low parts
- 26 Rice ____
- 27 Civil War historian
- 28 Eau de Paris
- 29 "Just a ____!"
- 30 Uses a rosary
- 31 Nuance
- 32 Viking
- 33 Duke or baron
- 34 Lackin' gumption
- 38 Add carbonation to
- 39 "American ____" (2014 film)
- 40 Mounts
- 42 Customarily
- 43 Invalidates, as a ticket
- 44 Curved line
- 45 Reach, in a way
- 47 Prefix meaning "opposed to"
- 48 Germany, Italy and Japan, in W.W. II
- 50 Play on Broadway
- 51 "____ got it!"

HOROSCOPES

Feb. 11-17

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Capricorn, look forward to the weeks ahead, as some good news is on the horizon. Allow others around you to share in the good times ahead.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

Aquarius, revisit your career goals this week. Even if your goals seem ever-changing, it can be productive to reexamine them from time to time.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Keep things simple this week, Pisces. You will have a lot on your plate in the days ahead, but it's nothing you can't handle.

ARIES

March 21-April 19

Aries, tackle a problem that's been puzzling you head-on this week. A direct approach may just provide you the unique perspective you need to crack this nut.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Taurus, state your case carefully when you attempt to get your point across at work. Others will appreciate your thoughtful approach and respond positively.

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

Gemini, you are up to your ears in work and you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel just yet. Rest assured that it's there, but it could take a few more days in the trenches.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Various responsibilities require your full attention this week, Cancer. Don't be afraid to accept some help so you can get everything done on time.

LEO

July 23-August 22

Leo, you are invested in reaching a goal, and those around you are inspired by your gusto. Make the most of your energy and help others harness theirs if given the chance.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

Virgo, you work best when you have a plan in place. While you are not usually appreciative of surprises, this week you are willing to be a little more flexible.

LIBRA

September 23-October 22

A disagreement at work has you unsure about what side to support, Libra. Stay neutral for the time being until you can get a better grasp of the situation.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

Scorpio, focus on issues at work this week. Channel your energy into productivity at the office, and know that there will be time to daydream down the road.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

You may feel strong winds of change blowing in your direction, Sagittarius, and you do not know what is in store for you. Sometimes it can be exciting to be surprised.

Rebs drop tough loss at archrival Russell Co., 77-61

By Larry Rowell
Editor

The Rebels were on the road Feb. 5 and found themselves facing off against a rough Russell County squad.

Not only did the Rebels get beat on the court, 77-61, the bus they took to the game was vandalized, almost to the point of being ruined, said Rebels Coach Maze Stallworth.

Collin Miller led all Casey shooters with 17 points, followed by Jake Smith with 16.

Stallworth said that both these boys are close to scoring 1,000 points in their careers and should break that barrier this season.

Big inside man Breece Hayes poured in 10 points while Jordan Brown added 9. Tanner Davis, who Stallworth said gets little

credit for how hard he plays, scored two points as did DJ White, and Isaiah Spears.

White continued his quest as Casey's leading rebounder with 10, while Hayes swiped 8, Brown 6, Miller 5, Smith, 4, Davis 3, and Spears, 2.

Casey, 10-18, will finish the season on the road, playing at Green County on Friday, and ending the regular season at Lincoln County on Feb. 20.

According to an e-mail from CCHS Athletic Director Victor Black, third-seed Casey will then face second-seed Somerset on Feb. 24 in the 47th District tournament. Pulaski County, the number one seed, will play number four seed Rockcastle County the same day.

The winners of these games will play for the District title on Feb. 27.



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Jordan Brown and D.J. White defend against a Russell County player in the Feb. 5 loss on the road. Brown scored 9 while White led in rebounds with 10.



Rebels celebrate Senior Night

Coach Maze Stallworth posed with CCHS Rebel seniors who will be leaving the team at the end of this season. The boys were recognized on Feb. 3 during annual Senior Night activities. From left are Micco Randall, Stallworth, Jordan Brown, and Tanner Davis.

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■ OUTDOOR SPORTS

Five ways to save money for spring fishing, turkey hunting

Although the price of a gallon of gas is lower than at any time in recent memory, not many folks have extra money to burn.

This is especially true for non-essential things such as fishing reels, shotguns, hunting clothing or fishing waders.

Adult commitments such as your mortgage must be paid before any money goes toward a new spinning reel.

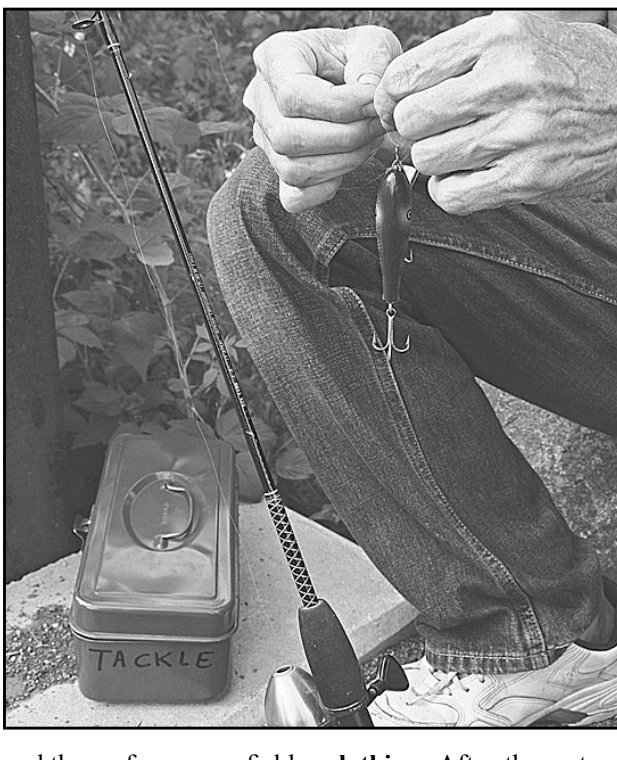
Obtaining quality hunting and fishing gear inexpensively is a useful skill for outdoors enthusiasts to learn.

Here are five ways to save money on gear for the upcoming spring fishing and turkey hunting seasons.

1. Hit the clearance sales to upgrade fishing equipment: February is the best month to buy new fishing equipment, especially if you want to upgrade to a higher quality rod, reel or finally retire the shop worn waders you've patched 10 times.

Manufacturers debut their new models at this time of year. The large catalog outfitters and the sporting goods section of department stores often offer significant discounts on older models of rods and reels to clear space for the new. This is especially true with fishing reels.

These discounted reels or rods are still new and were the cutting edge a year or two ago. Model changes are often cosmetic



and the performance afield is exactly the same from older model to new.

If you are still wading with hot, sticky and leaky neoprene or coated canvas waders, February is the time to upgrade to breathable waders.

New fishing catalogs from outfitters are now arriving in mailboxes around the country. Their websites often contain closeout prices on older iterations of breathable fishing waders. This is a great time to get comfortable, breathable waders at attractive prices.

2. Hit the clearance sales to upgrade hunting

clothing: After the waterfowl seasons close in late January, department stores and the big retail/catalog outfitters often place cold weather hunting gear on clearance, where savings can be 40 percent or more off the price the previous fall.

This is an especially good time to save on waterfowl hunting clothing or coveralls and jacket/bib combinations for deer hunting, both of which aren't cheap. They often clearance leftover lighter weight camouflage shirts and pants as well, perfect gear for the coming spring turkey season.

3. Inquire with friends

and relatives about buying their old outdoor gear: As you progress in the outdoor arts, it is normal to upgrade to newer gear every few years as financial circumstances allow. This leaves outdoors enthusiasts with a conundrum: their older gear is too nice to throw away or donate, but they don't use it anymore.

They may gladly sell this gear reasonably to a friend or relative and be thankful it will be used and appreciated by someone they know. In the case of outdoor clothing, it may be given to you.

4. Clean and lube a spinning reel to make it new again: If a spinning reel feels like it is slowly filling with sawdust or develops an annoying catch on the retrieve, it is likely not completely shot and needs replacing, but just dirty and starved for lubrication.

Old grease and oil attracts dirt and grit over time. This gunk builds up and impacts the reel's performance. Remove the reel spool and wipe down the spool shaft and apply a light coat of reel oil. Oil the roller bearing on the bail that lays line on the spool. Remove the handle and the screws that hold the side plate (some reels have a decorative plate that covers one of the side plate screws).

Gently pry open the side plate. You'll see the main

gear in the middle with a roller bearing on top of it. Remove the roller bearing and drop it in rubbing alcohol to dissolve old oil, grease and accumulated crud.

Clean the main gear, the drive gear in front of the reel and the worm gear along the bottom with an old tooth brush and hot soapy water. After drying, apply a light coat of reel grease to the gears and apply a few drops of reel oil to the roller bearing. Reassemble the reel and it should sing like new.

5. Buy a used pump shotgun for spring turkey hunting: A turkey hunting shotgun is a utility gun, not a pretty over-and-under for wing or trap shooting. Gun stores often have used pump shotguns for \$150 or less.

A friend or relative

who's hunted for years often has an old pump they would let go of at little cost. Online auction sites have used pumps for bargain prices as well.

As long as it functions, the appearance matters little since the first step is covering the gun with camouflage tape, making sure not to interfere with its action in the process. At this price, you can afford to add a red or green rear bead sight.

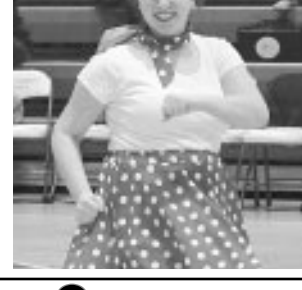
Now, you have an affordable and perfectly functional turkey hunting shotgun. A 12-gauge that can chamber 3-inch magnum shells is best.

Use these tips to save much needed cash in getting the outdoor gear you need. The warm winds of spring are just around the corner.

REBEL OF THE WEEK

Saluting
Ashley
Wilkerson
Sophomore

Sophomore Ashley Wilkerson is in her second year on the CCHS Dance Team.



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Conference champs

The Casey County seventh grade boys basketball team finished their season winning the Central Kentucky Middle School conference championship. The team, with an overall 24-7 record, also won first place in the conference, posting a perfect 14-0 record. The team was coached by Michael Turner, Casey Rexroat, and Ben Barlow. Front row, from left: Guy Turner, Benjamin McDonald, Haden Bastin, Seth Owens, Bryson Johnson, Hunter Richards. Back row: Michael Turner, Micah Pendleton, Ethan Parton, Jordan Baldock, Jaden Brown, Rylan Buis, Logan Stephens.

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Lady Rebels fall to Franklin County defense

By Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer

After a brief break in the schedule, Lady Rebels were unable to pull out a win against Franklin County on Feb. 9. and fell 65-44.

“We did not have a good defensive effort,” Coach Todd Claunch said. “(We were) unable to stop the penetration off the drive.”

Claunch said the Lady Rebels did not handle their half court pressure defense very well, citing 16 turnovers as proof.

“We were not aggressive enough on offense getting to the basket, shooting only six free throws,” he said. “Franklin had five players on the court that looked to get to the rim and could shoot the ball. We had to honor them at the three-point line and they did a good job of attacking us off the dribble when we took it away.”

Casey County shot 31 percent from the field, with 10 assists and eight steals.

Kyra Eads led the Lady Rebels in points, scoring 17 and shooting 54 percent from the floor. Eads also had four rebounds.

Tiara Cochran put up 13 points, shooting 42 percent, and Christin Terry scored 5

points with five rebounds and three steals.

Other scorers included: Lakken Miller, 2 points, five rebounds, and four assists; LaShaya Carman, 2 points, three rebounds, and two assists; Myla McGowan, 3; Gena Cravens, 2 points, two rebounds, and two assists; Haley South-erland, four rebounds and two steals; and Natalie McAninch, one rebound.

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RIGHT, Brenna Hayes took to the free throw line for the Lady Rebels as they faced Russell County on Feb. 2. Hayes was 100 percent on the floor with 7 points, helping the Lady Rebels win, 64-57. BELOW, Coach Todd Claunch huddles up with the team.



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Galilean girls win Lady Eagle Classic

On the shoulders of a MVP performance by Angie Martin and consistent, strong play by Jessica Martin, the Lady Eagles won the 3rd Annual Galilean Lady Eagle Classic. Jessica led in scoring with 21 points per contest while Angie added a 12-point average along with 5 steals per game (including 11 steals in one game.) Angie and Jessica were joined on the All-Tournament Team by Ina Martin.

Extension News

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Understanding the basics of food label terms

When you go grocery shopping, you’ve probably seen some new terms on the labels of your favorite foods. These terms are not meant to cause confusion but can help you make more informed choices about the foods you eat. This is a good thing, as concerns among consumers about food origin, safety and quality continue to increase.

Here is a list of terms found on food labels and their definition as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the Food and Drug Administration.

Organic — Products that are USDA-certified organic means that the food is produced using methods that preserve the

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environment and avoid most synthetic materials, like antibiotics and certain pesticides. Farms and processors, aside from keeping organic food separate from nonorganic, also must use production techniques that support animal health and welfare, provide outdoor access to animals, use approved materials, do not use genetically modified ingredients and receive annual on-site inspections. Products that meet the organic

production and processing requirements are the only ones allowed to be labeled organic in a grocery store.

Natural — The USDA requires products with the natural label to be minimally processed and contain no artificial ingredients. The natural label does not include any standards about farm practices and only applies to the processing of meat and egg products.

GMO — While labeling GMO products is voluntary for food companies, a product with a genetically modified organism means that it was altered with a gene from an unrelated species outside of its natural environment. In many instances, GMO crops

designed to resist insect attacks have experienced substantial reductions in insecticide use. Herbicide-tolerant crops have also offered environmental benefits through increased use of soil-protecting no-tillage farming. However, with the advent of herbicide resistance in certain weeds, there is some concern about increasing herbicide use on those farms. The technology was first introduced in the 1990s, and now more than 70 percent of packaged foods in North America contain GMOs. There is no evidence that consuming GMOs impacts human health in a negative way. There are concerns, however, about some GMO

crops encouraging the overuse of pesticides and having a negative impact on the environment.

Free-range poultry — This label means the birds were given shelter in a building, room or area with unlimited access to food and fresh water. They were also given continuous outdoor access during their production cycle.

Cage-free — This term means poultry were able to freely roam a building, room or other enclosed area with unlimited access to food and fresh water during their production cycle.

Grass-fed — The designation means the animal was fed primarily grass throughout their life. Or-

ganic animals’ pasture diet may be supplemented with grain. The USDA does not limit the use of antibiotics, hormones or pesticides for grass-fed label products, therefore you may see a meat product labeled as grass-fed organic when applicable.

Pasture-raised — Currently, there is no federal definition of this term from the USDA due to the number of variables involved in pasture production systems.

The USDA makes no claims about one type of food being more nutritious or safer than another. For more information about food and nutrition, contact the Casey County Extension office 787-7384.

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County contest winners

Winners of the Kentucky Saves Piggy Bank Design contest were, RIGHT, Jones Park fifth grade winners, Chase Ellis (third place), Donna Thacker (first), and Wade Phillips (second). ABOVE, Liberty Elementary winners, Lincoln Phillips (first place and overall winner), Aiden Gardner (third), and Barbara Mendez (second). Each student received a monetary award for their designs.



AGRICULTURE

Improving reproductive efficiency in heifers

To improve the reproductive efficiency, and thus profitability, of a beef cattle operation, you must understand proper heifer development. Properly managing yearling heifer reproduction is the first step toward reproductive efficiency.

Your goal is to manage heifers so they’ll conceive early by reducing the age of puberty, shortening the time from puberty to conception and increasing fertility.

Age at puberty is the most important factor in managing heifer reproduction. For puberty to oc-

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cur, a heifer should weigh at least 67 percent of her expected mature weight. This percentage of mature weight is a heifer’s “target weight.”

Most heifer development programs require that heifers reach the target weight by the onset of their first breeding season. For maximum fertility and reproduction, heifers must have at least one estrus be-

fore the breeding season begins. Research shows that fertility increases about 20 percent from the first to third estrus after puberty. Thus, it’s logical to manage heifers to reach puberty before the start of breeding season.

Crossbreeding is another management practice to reduce heifers’ age at puberty. Crossbred heifers, with a genetic makeup of not more than 75 percent of one breed, have a significantly reduced age at puberty compared to straight-bred heifers. Crossbred heifers also have greater overall fertil-

ity resulting from hybrid vigor.

Examine the cowherd to determine the cows’ approximate weights and use these data to set the heifers’ target weights. Then, determine how much heifers must gain daily to reach the target weight. Once you determine the necessary daily weight gain, develop a ration that provides the proper nutrients to help heifers reach the target weight. Periodically weigh heifers to ensure that they’re gaining the appropriate weight. If not, adjust the ration to compensate.

Also, be sure heifers are properly vaccinated according to label and veterinarian recommendations.

Breeding is the final step in managing heifer development. It’s advisable to consider estrus synchronization and/or artificial insemination. Some advantages of estrus synchronization are potentially higher pregnancy rates; heavier, more uniform calves at weaning; and increased production and labor efficiency. Using AI gives producers the ability to use superior, more predictable sires.

Most calving problems

occur when heifers have calves for the first time; thus, there is merit in using estrus synchronization and AI with bulls of proven calving ease on first-calf heifers.

Getting heifers bred as early as possible gives them more time to rebreed after calving. For more information about cattle reproductive efficiency or other cattle topics, contact the Casey County Cooperative Extension Service.

Sources: Les Anderson and Darrah Bullock, extension beef specialists at UK.

Todd wins soybean award

Curtis “Skipper” Todd took second place honors in “Quality, Highest Percentage Protein,” at the Kentucky Commodity Conference on Jan. 16 in Bowling Green. Measuring 37.89 percent protein in the submitted sample, Todd took home a trophy from the Kentucky Soybean Board and a monetary award. Todd, along with Zachary Todd, received the award from outgoing Kentucky Soybean Association President Ryan Bivens and Keith Tapp, chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Board.

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■ HEALTH NEWS

Kynect open enrollment enters its final week

The deadline to enroll in coverage through kynect is midnight, Feb. 15

Kentucky Press News Service

With a little more than a week remaining in the current enrollment period, 142,349 individuals have taken advantage of kynect to enroll in healthcare coverage for 2015. This number includes nearly 96,000 Kentuckians who have either newly enrolled in a qualified health plan since Nov. 15, 2014 or renewed the private insurance plan they purchased through kynect last year, according to a state news release.

The deadline to enroll in coverage through kynect is midnight, Sunday, Feb. 15. Individuals who need health insurance are en-

couraged to log on to kynect or contact an insurance agent or kynector to see their options for quality, affordable health coverage in 2015 before the Feb. 15 deadline passes. Medicaid enrollment is open at any time.

Individuals with income above 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level who fail to enroll in healthcare coverage before Feb. 15 will be subject to an IRS penalty, including those whose income falls between 100-138 percent of the federal poverty level and are eligible for the Medicaid expansion. Individuals whose income falls below 100 percent poverty

level are not subject to the penalty.

The 2015 IRS penalty is \$325 per person or 2 percent of household income, whichever is greater. If an individual is uninsured for more than nine months in 2015, the penalty will be deducted from their refund when they file the 2014 tax returns.

In many cases, this penalty could exceed the annual cost of insurance. For example:

■ In 2015, a 30-year-old in Lexington making \$20,000 would qualify for a subsidy and pay \$37.44 for a full year of bronze coverage or pay a \$400 penalty and remain unin-

sured.

■ In 2015, a 25-year-old in Louisville making \$40,000 would qualify for a subsidy and pay \$604.08 for a full year of bronze coverage or pay an \$800 penalty and remain uninsured.

“Not only is insurance important for your physical health, it also makes financial sense,” Carrie Banahan, executive director of kynect, said in the news release. “Why risk the possibility of being uninsured and facing a costly medical procedure and a tax penalty, especially when you may qualify for financial assistance to defray some of your pre-

mium cost?”

Individuals who qualified for an Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) through kynect will receive a 1095-A tax form in the mail as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Form 1095-A provides information for individuals and families who received payment assistance to help them fill out IRS Form 8962 as part of their federal return.

Kynect has instituted a robust training and information program to help individuals, kynectors, insurance agents and tax preparers understand the requirements of the ACA and the Form 1095-A fil-

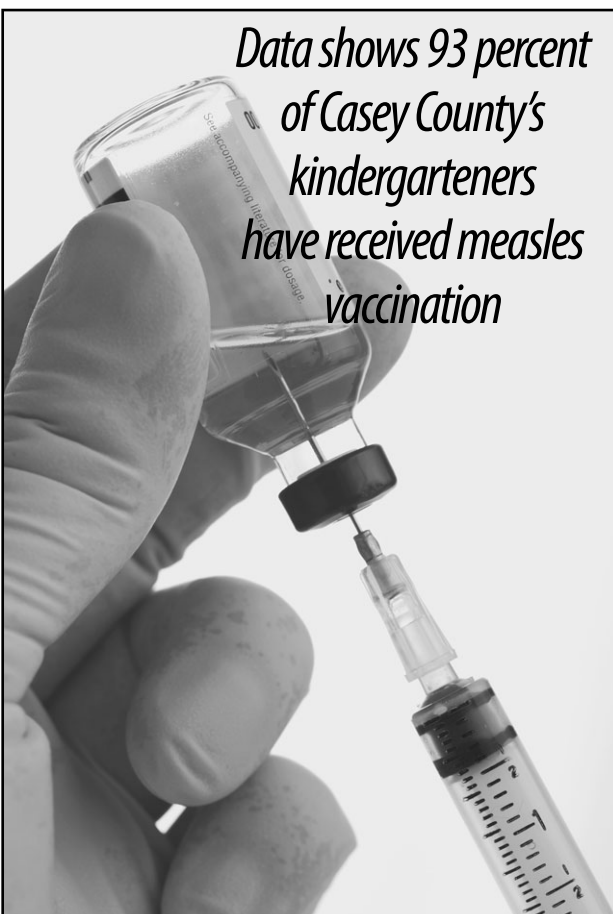
ing requirements. More information is available at kynect.ky.gov.

Individuals with questions about their Form 1095-A may also call a special kynect hotline at 1-844-373-2417.

Individuals with Medicaid, KCHIP, Medicare, catastrophic health insurance or insurance through an employer or other agency do not need Form 1095-A to file their federal income taxes.

Visit <https://kynect.ky.gov> or call 1-855-4kynect (459-6328) to learn more about affordable health care options for Kentuckians.

At least 14 Kentucky counties lag behind in vaccinations



As concern about the spread of measles from lack of vaccination grows, many Kentucky counties probably have vaccination rates below the minimum that experts say is needed to create “herd immunity” and prevent spread of the highly contagious disease among students in kindergarten.

At least 14 Kentucky counties had measles vaccination rates below 90 percent in the 2011-12 school year, according to state data analyzed by USA Today, in a survey of states that track vaccination rates and make them public. *The Courier-Journal* published the Kentucky figures in an online database.

The counties under 90 percent were Bath (89%), Boyle (83%), Bullitt (88%), Christian (89%), Harlan (88%), Jefferson (86%), Laurel (85%), Lawrence (88%), Lee (80%), Nelson (82%), Robertson (88%), Rowan (86%), Taylor (82%) and Webster (86%). Data from several counties was

not available.

The statewide vaccination rate was 93 percent, pulled down by a rate of 86 percent in Jefferson County, the state’s most populous. The lowest rates were 80 percent in Lee County and 82 percent in Nelson and Taylor counties.

Jefferson County officials told *The Courier-Journal* that the county’s rate rose above 90 percent in the last two to three years. Bullitt County school-health coordinator Lesa Bodine told the Louisville newspaper that her data show 94.3 percent of the county’s kindergarten students “have been properly immunized,” the C-J’s Darla Carter reports.

“However, she said there are some parents who choose not to immunize their children. She also noted that there can be a delay in receiving proof of vaccination because a child has, for example, transferred from another county or state.”

Like many states, Kentucky allows parents to

exempt their children from required vaccinations for medical or religious reasons. Measles outbreaks in other states have been blamed at least partly on parents who still believe discredited reports that vaccines cause autism or other disorders. Generally, the stricter the laws, the higher the vaccina-

tion rate.

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■ TAX TIME

Savvy Senior: Do you need to file a tax return in 2015?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? I didn’t have to file last year, but I picked up a little income from a part-time job in 2014, and I’m wondering I need to file this year.
Part-Time Retiree

nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the “Tax Guide for Seniors” (publication 554), or see irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

Special Requirements

There are, however, some other financial situations that will require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement.

For example, if you had earnings from self-employment in 2014 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you’ll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers a tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you’re required to file, or if you should file because you’re due a refund.

You can access this page at irs.gov/filing – click on “Do you need to file a return?” Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See irs.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Check Your State

Even if you’re not required to file a federal tax return this year, don’t assume that you’re also excused from filing state income taxes.

The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding

ing that you’re entirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see taxadmin.org – click on “State Agencies/Links” on the menu bar.

Tax Prep Assistance

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 5,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp. You don’t have to be an AARP member to use this service.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

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Helping Hounds

Casey woman saves hundreds of dogs from euthanasia

By Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer

With no animal shelter in Casey County, homeless dogs found in the area require more attention than most, and despite the fact that they are taken to adjoining counties' animal shelters, that does not mean the dog or the problems they face just simply vanish.

In 2013, 96 dogs from Casey County went to rescue shelters and 92 dogs were euthanized. The following year saw a slight improvement with 139 dogs going to rescue shelters and 72 dogs who were euthanized. The rest were adopted out or stayed at the shelter.

That slight improvement can only be attributed to Terri Simpson, a Casey County woman who has devoted every spare moment of her life to rescuing and vetting dogs, finding homes for them, and even transporting them to places where she knows they will be safe and happy.

"There was a definite improvement," Simpson said. "But those dogs got out because someone was working awful hard to get them out."

Just last weekend Simpson transported eight different dogs and sent them on their way, either to rescue shelters or foster homes.

Working hand-in-hand with a slew of rescue shelters across the U.S., Simpson drives to Lexington, Louisville, Elizabethtown and Cincinnati, where she meets with other "transporters" from the rescue shelters and they take the dogs on to their prospective homes.

"Most are multi-leg transports," Simpson said, "which means they transfer from vehicle to vehicle to get where they're going. I've taken people with me who wanted to see how it's done and they're usually pretty amazed. It's quite a network of people from different places and backgrounds."

Most of the rescue shelters that Simpson works

with are foster-based.

"So many dogs I take out of the shelter and to rescue go directly to a home and is their temporary guest. And then they go to adoption events every Saturday until they're adopted."

The majority of dogs Simpson sees are completely vetted before she sends them off, with proper vaccinations, heart wormers, spaying and neutering needs, and health certificates.

"That income stays in the state of Kentucky," Simpson said.

Often rescues will cover the cost of vetting animals before transporting but there have been times when Simpson has footed the bill herself, just to get the ball rolling.

"If there is a dog that is difficult to place or has sat for a long time, I have paid for the vetting," Simpson said. "I have also had some friends who will sponsor a dog."

Simpson's 52-acre farm in Casey County is a menagerie of dogs, some who she has fostered for up to two years, and some who have been by her side for many years.

"Each one is different," Simpson said. "Even when you have several, each one brings you something different."

The same philosophy applies when Simpson is rescuing dogs and finding foster homes.

"They come in every size, shape, height, weight," Simpson said. "But they're made members of the family during the time they are with a foster."

Puppy season

Puppy season is typically in the spring and fall each year, with dogs coming into heat twice a year. Spaying and neutering your pets is one of the sure ways to help Simpson's cause and luckily for Casey Countians, there is a low-priced local option available.

FURever Care Inc., is open for two days a month at the VFW Hall. To spay or neuter cats, it costs \$20 and for dogs, \$25. Vaccina-



photos/SUBMITTED
Terri Simpson has saved hundreds of dogs from euthanasia by finding rescue and foster homes for them across the U.S. The young white shepherd was saved by Echo Dogs White Shepherd Rescue and was placed in a foster home in New York.

tions are also available at very low prices.

"So for \$40 you can have your dog vaccinated and fixed," Simpson said.

Spaying and neutering is where prevention truly begins and can save Simpson and anyone volunteering their time to shelter animals some hard work.

Earlier this year, Simpson sent a hound and her puppies to rescue. The hound was 34 pounds at the time and had nothing more than hide hanging on her bones. Since then, she has gained about 30 pounds.

Seeing any dog in a shelter situation is hard for

Simpson, she said, "Because it means that somebody didn't come back for them. Somebody didn't care."

Finding "whelping" fosters, or fosters for pregnant dogs or dogs with puppies, are the most difficult to find.

"Dogs come into shelters pregnant and people don't understand that one pregnant dog turns into ten dogs. So now we're trying to find somewhere for ten dogs to go."

How you can help

Fosters are what Simpson could use more of, es-

pecially in Casey County, where she only has one.

With Simpson doing most of the work before placing a dog in foster, providing a temporary home for these dogs while a permanent situation is found is one of the most important steps to preventing euthanasia and saving lives.

"There are dogs that you can get out of the shelter that just need a place for a few weeks," she said. "Usually the ones that I need fosters for already have a rescue. It depends on transport dates, so I usually have some sort of

an idea how long it's going to take."

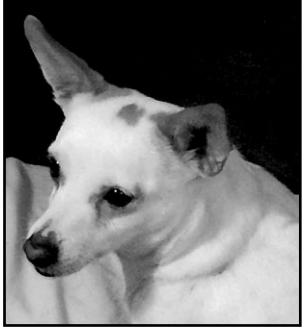
Letting go of her own foster dogs can be tough at times for Simpson but she finds comfort in her hard work.

"I always know they're going to a good place and that makes it easier," Simpson said. "Every dog that leaves takes a piece of your heart with it. Every single one. That's a given."

For more information on how to become a foster dog parent or how you can help the animals in your area, email Terri Simpson at mustluvmutts@yahoo.com.



ABOVE, Thumper is a young lab/hound mix still waiting to find a permanent home. Thumper is currently located at Green River Animal Shelter in Columbia. BELOW, Harley is a blind, 3-year-old Jack Russell Terrier who was adopted by Simpson in October 2012 from Daviess County Animal Shelter in Owensboro. BOTTOM, Willow, a Mountain Cur mix, spent almost a year with Simpson before going to a rescue in Massachusetts. Here, Willow is being transported by Simpson to the rescue.



School

■ Continued from front

In other business, the board:

■ Heard Deena Randolph, Manager of District Wide Services, give the financial report. Total cash is \$8,441,104.41 and general fund cash is \$7,249,300.46. General fund balance is \$4,203,888.84, which is down \$460,000 from the prior year.

■ Heard Kevin Stephens, Assistant Superintendent, give the attendance report.

District attendance for the month was 93.92. The highest attendance award for the month went to Liberty Elementary School with 95.32.

"No one met their attendance goals this month," Stephens said. "Our attendance is starting to get a little better. We've had a lot of flu going around and kids on homebound and all those things around this time of year. For the year we're still at 95.22."

■ Heard Principal Carmela Clark of the Casey County Area Technology Center give a school report card presentation, explaining the techniques which helped raise Casey County ATC to number one in the state for college and/or career readiness.

Based on 2013-14 assessments, 89.5 percent of Casey ATC students were college and/or career ready.

BOE approves CCHS dugout construction

By Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer

The CCHS baseball team has a new dugout to look forward to, thanks to the Casey County Board of Education.

The board approved the construction of the baseball dugout during Monday's monthly meeting.

The position of the existing dugout has caused some concern because of its proximity to home plate.

"There were a couple of kids who got hit by line drives," said Kevin Stephens,

Assistant Superintendent.

The angle of the dugout was partly to blame for this, he said.

"It was a bad angle," Stephens said. "So if we take the dugout and bring it back, when there's a foul ball that comes it won't hit anyone."

Superintendent Marion Sowders added how close the dugout is to the third base line.

"We're going to take this one down and put up a new

one, as soon as the weather breaks," Stephens said.

Board Chairman Ken Coffman said being as it is a safety issue, the board needed to go ahead and approve it.

With single-digit temperatures, pouring and laying concrete can be problematic, so the dugout construction will have to wait until temperatures rise and weather begins to improve.

The projected cost of the new dugout is \$5,000.



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Casey County Superintendent Marion Sowders recognized board member Marilyn Coffey and Vice Chairman John Cox during the board's monthly meeting Monday night. Cox was recognized for completing levels one and two of basic studies in the Kentucky School Board Association Academy of Studies and Coffey was recognized for completing levels one, two, and three.



Tom and Hazel Scroczyński of Dunnville and Mack and Ruby Cox of Campbellsville took The Casey County News along when they visited Pigeon Forge, Tenn. in October.

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Health

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obesity, which leads to a lot of different health issues like diabetes.”

According to the recent health assessment, adult obesity in Casey is at 35 percent and 38 percent of adults in the county are physically inactive. Obesity rates in Casey County have seen little to no improvement in the last year.

Kentucky Health Facts data also indicates that 30 percent of Casey County adults smoke and 14 percent partake in excessive drinking.

“If there is any practical advice that the health department should give to the public, it would be to eat normal portions of healthy food and avoid tobacco use,” Crabtree said.

Normal portions, Crabtree added, are not what today’s restaurant standards would indicate.

“When you go to a restaurant, portion sizes are about twice what they should be,” he said. “Por-

tion sizes from 1970’s to now have doubled. If you ordered a 1970’s portion of hamburger and fries today, you would think you’re being cheated. We’ve been conditioned to expect more.”

Obesity, lack of physical activity, and tobacco use are three community health concerns that CHEC and Casey ASAP are trying to address.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Jelaine Harlow, Health Educator for LCDHD, along with the CHEC and Casey ASAP, have put together a three-year Community Health Improvement Plan, using the results from recent health assessments.

“Smoking is up, physical inactivity is up, and excessive drinking is up,” Harlow said. “Obesity is the same. Why this is the way it is, I really don’t have an answer for. The CHIP was developed to address sev-

eral of these issues.”

The vision statement for the plan reads, “Casey County will be a united community focusing on active, healthy lifestyles free of drugs, violence, and tobacco.”

Two areas of health have been chosen as priority – substance use including alcohol, marijuana (youth), and tobacco (adult and youth) and chronic disease.

The goals of the improvement plan aim to reduce substance abuse among adults and youth in Casey County, as well as to decrease the prevalence of chronic disease through increased physical activity and education encounters for adults and youths.

Efforts to reduce youth tobacco use are underway. The Casey County Board of Education has approved a tobacco-free school policy, which will be implemented across the district beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

The plan states, “15 per-

cent of 10th grade students perceived no risk of harm to themselves by drinking one or two alcoholic drinks daily and 10 percent perceived no risk of harm by drinking five or more alcoholic drinks in a row.”

The positive/social norms campaign, headed up by Adanta RPC, is aimed to reverse these false perceptions among the youth, using positive youth role models as examples.

To combat chronic disease, the plan’s first objective is to offer staff in the Casey County School System the National Diabetes Prevention Program series by June 2015.

According to the plan, “Lifestyle change has been proven effective in preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes in high-risk individuals.”

The DPP series visits schools to promote the program, screen participants through Humana Vitality Checks, and teach

participants strategies for incorporating physical activity into daily life and eating healthy.

“The first DDP class started a few weeks ago,” Harlow said.

For more information Harlow encourages anyone to review the assessment online.

“The community health assessment can be found at www.lcdhd.org. Click on the resource tab, then click on health assessments and statistics. Scroll down to Casey County,” she said. “The health improvement plan will be added to the website soon.”

out a questionnaire and at the end it gives you a report on how to be healthier,” Crabtree said. “If you’re behind on vaccinations or anything else, it’s a helpful tool that will tell you what areas you can improve your health and whatever screenings you need. People can implement the suggestions from this wellness profile.”

A healthier lifestyle isn’t the only incentive – anyone who completes a wellness profile will be entered into the contest for a chance to win \$1,000.

Once completing the wellness profile, print and keep results as proof and enter contact information at the conclusion. The wellness profile and health risk assessment can provide important and specific health information as well as community resources that are available to assist with specific needs.

The Health Calculator and Wellness Profile can be found on the homepage of www.lcdhd.org



STREET BEAT

Taken from the Casey County E911 records, Street Beat represents a history of the initial calls and the information used by the dispatcher to send officers to investigate complaints. It is not an indication of what the officers found upon arrival at the scene or how police may have dealt with the complaint.

Feb. 2

12:19 a.m., prowler at 125 W. Poplar Hollow Rd.
4:06 a.m., alarm drop at 680 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
7:31 a.m., motorist assist on N.Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
10:52 a.m., hit and run and Save a Lot.
12:04 p.m., shots fired on Lower Green Pond Rd.
12:56 p.m., mental transport at 322 Middleburg St.
1:25 p.m., escort at 142 Ky. 49.
4:38 p.m., custody exchange at 7618 E. Ky. 70.
4:42 p.m., harassment at 1707 Bastin Creek Rd.
5 p.m., drugs on Linnie Rheber Rd.
5:17 p.m., suspicious person at 3265 Ky. 49.
9:31 p.m., motorist assist on W. Ky. 70.
9:50 p.m., trespassing at 308 Hites Creek Rd.
11:19 p.m., motorist assist on S. U.S. 127.

Feb. 3

1:14 a.m., request officer at courthouse.
10:47 a.m., officer out of car at 290 Patterson Rd.
10:53 a.m., inspection on Black Ridge Rd.
11:34 a.m., officer out of car on East Yosemite Rd.

12:13 p.m., officer out of car on Patsy Riffe Rd.
12:16 p.m., request officer at 735 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
12:23 p.m., officer out of car on Sulphur Run Rd.
1:02 p.m., escort at 752 Campbellsville St.
1:30 p.m., serving warrant on W. Ky. 80.
2:36 p.m., suspicious person on Woodrum Ridge/Chelf Ridge.
3:11 p.m., officer out of car on Henson Creek Rd.
3:30 p.m., harassment at 680 N., Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.

Feb. 4

7:15 a.m. abandoned vehicle on S. U.S. 127.
7:32 a.m. non-injury accident on Ky. 49.
7:43 a.m. suspicious vehicle on S. U.S. 127.
7:49 a.m. reckless driver on Dry Ridge Rd.
8:12 a.m. motorist assist on Walnut Hill.
8:13 a.m. injury accident on E. Ky. 70.
11 a.m officer out of car on N. U.S. 127.
12:36 p.m. threat at 11716 Ky. 1547.
1:14 p.m. officer out of car on Woodrum Ridge.
1:57 p.m. officer out of car on 1673 E. Ky. 70.
2:06 p.m. reckless driver on Middleburg St.
2:21 p.m. officer out of car on Contown Rd.
2:29 p.m. lock out at Family Dollar.
3:48 p.m. lock out at 1517 S. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
4:18 p.m. pick up prisoners at Shelby Co.
6:22 p.m. request officer at 130 N. Wallace Wilkin-

son Blvd.
11:07 p.m. lock out at 31 Montgomery St.

Feb. 5

6:13 a.m. prowler at 27 Garner St.
8:12 a.m. alarm drop at 5879 Merritt Ridge Rd.
9:27 a.m. officer out of car at courthouse.
11:01 a.m. officer out of car on Calvary Ridge Rd.
5:48 p.m. request officer on Ky. 49.
11:06 p.m. request officer at 1740 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
11:14 p.m. alarm drop at 7103 E. Ky. 70.

Feb. 6

10:33 a.m. officer out of car at Liberty Elem.
2:59 p.m. non-injury accident on Hustonville St.
4:03 p.m. officer out of car on Maple Ave.
5:44 p.m. traffic stop at Ky. 49 and Lower Brush Creek.
9:15 p.m. non-injury accident at 105 School House Rd.
11:16 p.m. suspicious vehicle on Means Rd.

Feb. 7

1:10 a.m. reckless driver at Carmicle View Apts.
1:26 a.m. welfare check at 18 Apostolic Ridge Rd.
2:25 a.m. out of control juvenile at 4766 S. Ky. 837.
5 a.m. fight at Liberty Manor.
7:48 a.m. alarm drop at 1200 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
9:44 a.m. inspection at courthouse.
10 a.m. remove from

3082 Shugars Hill Rd.
10:47 a.m. dog complaint at 71 Maple Ave.
11:08 a.m. reckless driver on N. U.S. 127.
12:10 p.m. escort at 752 Campbellsville St.
1:12 p.m. alarm drop at 225 S. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
2:11 p.m. request officer on S. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
5:37 p.m. request officer at 578 Bastin Creek Rd.
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7:09 p.m. lock out at ag center.
9:26 p.m. request officer at 166 Wall St.
10:17 p.m. request officer at 438 Adams St.
10:39 p.m. request officer at 416 Carmicle St.

Feb. 8

11:08 a.m. harassment on Foster St.
3:05 p.m. shoplifter at 437 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
3:29 p.m. pick up prisoners at Russell Co.
5:32 p.m. pick up prisoners at Lincoln Co.
5:57 p.m. drive off at 437 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
6:01 p.m. pick up prisoners at Fayette Co.

Weekly 911 Tip: Everyone should have their addresses (house numbers) posted where they can be seen clearly by emergency personnel. Not doing so could delay help to you in the event of an emergency. This is something a lot of people don't think about until they have an emergency.

POLICE NEWS

DUI

■ Larry Benjamin Scott, 27, of 6496 Ky. 49, Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 4 on Wallace Wilkinson Boulevard by Lt. Ronnie Smith and charged with first offense DUI, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, and no/expired registration plates. Smith found Scott passed out in the driver’s seat of a vehicle with the engine running at Shell Mart, according to a court report. Scott admitted to taking Xanax, the report states.

■ Chuck H. Waters, 44, of 2115 Bashi Road, Thomasville, Ala., was arrested on Jan. 31 on Peyton Ridge Road by Deputy Chad G. Weddle and charged with first offense DUI. Weddle states that he received a report that Waters was drinking and driving while picking up his 12-year-old daughter. Waters admitted that he had been drinking vodka. An alcohol breath test showed a .129, with the legal limit in Kentucky being .08.

Cruelty to animals

Mary Barbara Emerson, 51, and David Emerson, 52, both of 1031 Sulphur Run Road, Elkhorn, were cited on Jan. 30 by Sheriff Jerry Coffman and charged with cruelty to animals and animals running at large. Coffman states in court records that the couple left their residence on Jan. 24 without taking measure to care for several hogs, chickens, ducks, and cattle. Ten hogs in a pen had no water or feed, with the chickens and ducks on other people’s property. Coffman and a neighbor gave the cows corn and water until the Emersons returned on Jan. 29. One cow had died.

Threatening

Jeanette Wesley, 42, of Ky. 49, Liberty, was arrested on Feb. 6 on Ky. 49 by Constable Ralph Mondie and charged with third-degree terroristic threatening. An arrest warrant states that on Feb. 2, Wesley told Richard Hogue “that this time he was going to end up with a bullet in his head and this time he was going to end up dead.”

Criminal mischief

Hope Dempsey, 29, of 1000 East Main St., Danville, was arrested on Feb. 4 at her residence and charged with second-degree criminal mischief. Court records indicate that on Dec. 16, 2014, Dempsey punctured four truck tires belonging to Bobby Patten Jr.. Total value of the tires was \$700.

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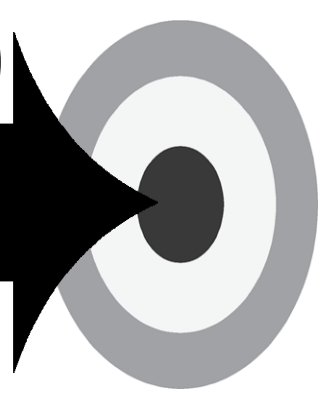
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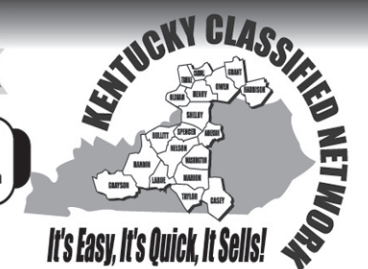
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